

T., Wellington N.

Dear Mr. Speer.

I just want to thank  
you for the great work you  
have accomplished in writing the  
life of Miss Alice Jackson.

I was honored with her  
friendship and I know in just-  
now how true such work you have  
willed about her is.

God will bless the work  
under which and those of us who  
know you then full to overflowing  
your days, <sup>are</sup> will thank Him  
for all that you have done for  
us in giving to us what her  
life.

Truly yours  
W. D. Jackson

Tatlow, Tissington

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October 30th, 1906.

My Dear Speer,

I write on behalf of the Executive of the S.V.M.U. to tell you that our next International Conference is to be held in Liverpool from January 2nd to 7th inclusive, 1908, and to ask you if you can arrange to be present as a speaker at this Conference.

We have not decided to go forward with this Conference simply because in 1908 the four years will have been completed since our last Conference, but because we feel that at the present juncture missionary interest is ripening so steadily in the college field that a Conference in 1908 ought to be a time of reaping on a large scale. Although the Student Volunteer Movement in this country has done a good deal to cultivate the older Universities, it is only within the last year or two that we have got hold on the large and new Universities which have been springing up in all the large towns in England, e.g., in such places as Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Nottingham and Liverpool itself. We feel that what the Liverpool Conference of 1896 meant to Oxford and Cambridge and the older Universities this Conference may mean to these other and younger Universities, and, of course, we believe that it will strengthen volunteer work throughout the whole country.

You have not been with us at a Conference in England since January 1900, and we hope that as it will have been eight years since you have helped us in person you will find it possible to plan to be present at this coming Conference. Your name was one of the very first put down upon our list of speakers and all our Executive are unanimous and keen about the invitation to you.

Although we have in mind already one or two topics which we think you could deal with better than anybody in this country, I will leave the matter of programme for the present and will confer with you about it after I get your answer.

I have only to add my own very strong desire to see you at this Conference. I think you can not only help us on the platform, but I have in mind several ways in which you can help us, especially in our relationships to the Missionary Societies' Secretaries, and also possibly among Professors.

We shall, of course, be glad to bear the entire expenses of your journey and visit to us, and if in addition to coming for the Conference, you could stay for a week or two in the country

we should be only too glad to have your help in following up the Conference in a few of our larger and more important Universities.

Yours very sincerely,

Winston L. Hall

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October 25th, 1907.

Robert E. Speer Esq.,  
156. Fifth Avenue, New York, U.S.A.,

My Dear Speer,

Our Executive have heard that there is some likelihood of your being in Europe next Summer and they accordingly ask me to write and say they hope there is some truth in this rumour and they may look forward to the pleasure of having you as a speaker at our next Summer Conference, which is to be held at Conishead Priory, Ulverston, from July 22nd to 29th. They hope that if the idea of visiting Europe is only in the air this may lead to a definite decision to come. We are all delighted at the prospect of there being a possibility of having you at a Summer Conference. We have sent you a series of invitations to missionary Conferences but have not sent you an invitation for some years to a Summer Conference, the reason being that we feared you were always so heavily booked for Conferences in the Summer in America that it was useless to hope to get you. We are delighted to think that there is a chance that you may be able to come.

Last Summer we had nearly 900 students at our Conference, representing 166 Christian Unions, viz:— the bulk of the Christian Unions in our College field. This Summer Conference is the centre of religious life among students in this country. The Master of University College, Durham, speaking at the last Church Congress said he put our Movement in the forefront of all the religious influences among students in this country, which is very strong speaking when one remembers that our oldest and most important Universities have been on a religious basis from their foundation, but I need not enlarge upon the importance of our Movement. You know how important this work is. We feel that you can render us a great service, that you will be able to help us in the devotional and missionary addresses, and also stir men to greater activity in the matter of evangelistic work among students. Mrs. Speer will no doubt be with you and I need hardly say that we shall be delighted to welcome her also at the Conference.

The Executive have not instructed me what to say about expenses, but I know I am safe in saying that if you are anywhere in Europe they will gladly bear your expenses incurred in coming to the Conference, that is to say, should you be in Switzerland,

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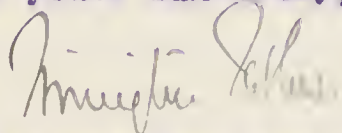
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or any place like that, there will be no difficulty in defraying such expenses. I hope we may soon have a reply from you telling us to look forward to a visit.

Ever yours sincerely,



P.S. I do not think I thanked you for your promise of an article on "The Sense of Duty" which I note you say will arrive about the end of December.

Taylor, E. R.

MAILED  
MAY 27 1901  
MR. SPENCER

MR. & MRS. E. R. TAYLOR, MR. SPENCER  
123 EAST FIFTH ST.,  
PLAINFIELD, N. J.

**BOYS' ↵**

# PURITY

## BAND.

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"Just as I am, young, strong,  
and free,  
To be the best that I can be,  
For truth and righteous-  
ness and Thee,  
Lord of my life—I come."

### What is the "BOYS' PURITY BAND"?

It is "God's increase" on the circulation of our little book for the boys called, "What a Boy Ought to Know."

#### WHAT DOES IT EXIST FOR?

For many years previous to the issuing of our booklet, we had felt the need that our boys should not be permitted to grow up in ignorance of the awful and insidious snares and pitfalls of the Devil around them. That the booklet has met this need is evidenced by hundreds of letters received from dear lads in distress. Many of these have not only been saved physically—but SPIRITUALLY as well.

So many were thus helped by the booklet, it was strongly laid upon our heart to form a band of such ones for the helping of other lads.

The plan adopted is the distribution of copies of the booklet. The obligations involved in membership are as follows:—

I, .....  
declare that I am a Christian, saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, God's Son. As one belonging to Him who is Holy,

#### 3 Promise:

I. To use every possible means to fulfil the command, "**Keep Thyself Pure.**"

II. To help in the salvation of other lads from the sin of impurity, by distributing **monthly**, at least six copies of the Booklet, "**What a Boy Ought to Know.**"

III. To pray for blessing on the Booklets given away; for the salvation of the lads who read them; and for the strengthening of my brother members in the "Purity Band."

DATE, .....

In the many letters we have received from dear lads in suffering, so much has our heart been saddened by the continual cry, "Oh, if I had only known," that we cannot longer hold back the knowledge that is ours. If we do, we feel we shall be guilty of their blood.

If parents are wilfully or ignorantly neglectful of their duty in this matter of instructing their boys, it is time some others did it. We believe God has given us this work. Too long have the hands of horror been held up at "the delicacy of the subject," and all the while the Devil has been, because of ignorance, sapping the very life from our boys, and dragging them down to vice and degradation.

The outcome of the "B. P. B.," we trust, will be a network of saved and pure, strong and free boys and young men across the land, who by their life and simple labour shall help to dispel the abounding ignorance and vice with their consequent misery and pain; and bringing many of our lads into the light and liberty of Jesus Christ, their only Saviour and Lord.

*[Handwritten text in cursive script, likely a testimonial or letter, partially obscured by the printed text and stamps.]*

I feel very much concerned about the future of  
 the Sem. - and would be glad to see the  
 Sem. - have - the <sup>same</sup> man, so called, as  
 but only one, <sup>that is the</sup> ~~same~~ man, <sup>that is the</sup> ~~same~~  
 down here in the fall - so the  
 part of a coming month, <sup>that is the</sup> ~~same~~  
 and to be in a <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~  
 to be a <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~  
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 sincerely yours  
 E. J.

Taylor, F. Howard

~~1000~~  
Pension "à la Paisible"

Chevalleyres: Vevey  
Switzerland.

Aug 4, 1905.

My dear Robert Spear,

With great joy we heard  
of the arrival of little Eleanor.  
Though a little late, please accept  
our loving and very hearty  
congratulations.

We have remembered  
you both daily in prayers  
ever since we left America,  
and of course especially at  
the critical time. And



make use of the old Gladstone before then —  
I shall be glad if you can — I will relieve  
you of it myself.

Your kind note in reference to it is  
dated to see exactly six months ago; I am  
glad that it was not sooner replied to!  
It caught us up in Rome & we have  
been travelling or in meetings almost  
ever since.

With warm love from us both  
to dear Mrs Spurr & yours truly,  
Believe me

Yours very sincerely,  
J. Howard Taylor.

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P.S. Mrs Taylor is hoping to answer  
Mrs Spurr's most welcome letter shortly.  
She is revising the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vol. of Pastor Hei's  
life for the press.

them, when we heard of you,  
we have joined you in praise.

Thank you for sending  
me the account book  
that was in my old Gladstone  
Bag, & for giving Mr Frost  
the parcel.

We hope D.V. to have  
a few weeks of in America  
this Autumn, on our way  
to China: and look forward  
with very great pleasure to  
meeting you both & the three  
Dear children there.

And if you have not  
found anyone who can

Thomas,

On the Namk River, Canton Province

China, May 8, 1897.

My dear Dr. Thomas,

I thank you very much for your kind letter which I received at Singapore. It was dated Dec. 7 and we did not get to Singapore until April 1, having been delayed in Persia through an attack of typhoid fever which I had in Hamadan, but it was very good to hear a letter from the land we had to pass by. We stopped for a day or two at Rangoon and it was difficult to go away from Moulmein and to make that a short journey would take us across. The boats sent us especially to Persia and China, however, and as to those countries I but I ought to give the time. I wonder if it is ever possible to come out again and to visit your field?

Just now Mrs. Spier and I are moving slowly down this river getting a view to some of the interior stations. Dr. Sherrin has been with us and we have had a very happy time. It took us more than two weeks to go up to Kien Chow and we are now moving down in less than one third of the time. It helps us to appreciate your travel in boats. We also have had no elephant rides.

I am very sorry to hear that Miss Hatch has not been well and trust that by this time she may have fully recovered. Please tell her I have prayed for her strengthening and

that the living Father would give her of this night for service.  
I hope that you and Mrs. Thayer and Mr. & Mrs. Curtis are well  
we have been a long time without news from New York or Canton  
when we get back we shall hope to find late letters and  
to learn from them good words about all the missions.

I have learned a great deal from our visits to the  
missions this year and am sure I shall be able to do  
my work more intelligently and more sympathetically when  
I return. Your visit here, we feel, is the result of our  
journey may be a great blessing to us and a real  
blessing also to others.

Thank you very much for what you note of the wrong-  
ments of the missionaries. I hope we may be able to  
carry the paper further north and to make the Road Church  
such a missionary church that it will care for itself and  
spread the paper far & wide, too. I will plant dry mis-  
sionaries but will not put them too close to old ones, the  
influence of a station can reach further than we are usually  
disposed to think. Above all let us seek and obtain from  
above the fire which Jesus said He came to set in the earth  
to burn all that stands in the way and to make us glowing  
fires unto our God.

With warmest greetings to all the Station,  
and to you and Mrs. Thayer

Your loving friend  
Robert G. Peck.

Thomas, M. Carey

August 21. 1906

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE  
BRYN MAWR,  
PENNA.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr Spear,

I enclose you a list of the dates of our fortnightly meetings for the year 1906-07.

Will you not choose an early date. The students have come to count on your help at these meetings — as I have.

With kind regards to Mrs Spear and yourself,

Sincerely yours

Malvay Thomas

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE  
BRYN MAWR,  
PENNA.

College Fortnightly Meetings,

1906-07.

October 3rd.

October 17th.

October 31st.

November 14th.

December 18th.

January 9th.

February 6th.

February 20th.

March 6th.

March 20th.

April 17th.

May 1st.

May 15th

Thomas, W. Carey

October 4 1908

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE  
BRYN MAWR,  
PENNA.

Dear Mr Spear

I enclose you the dates for college sermons for this year. We hope very much that you will choose and evening, and one as early in the college year as possible. We always count on your help, and our students look forward to your sermons and speak of it afterwards. They often suggest that you should

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE  
BRYN MAWR,  
PENNA.

preach twice in the year  
with kind regards to  
you and Mrs Speer

Sincerely yours

Mary Thomas



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BRYN MAWR,  
PENNA.

LIST OF DATES FOR THE COLLEGE FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS

Academic Year 1908-1909

September 30th.  
October 14th.  
October 28th.  
November 11th.  
December 9th. X  
January 6th.  
February 3rd.  
February 17th.  
March 3rd.  
March 17th.  
March 31st.  
April 28th.  
May 12th.  
May 30th, Baccalaureate Sermon.

Thomas, W.H. Griffith

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WYCLIFFE LODGE,  
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January 26. 1909.

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My dear Sir,

I have just been reading your address on "Christian Unity in the Foreign Field" which appeared in the New York CHURCHMAN for January 2. I should very much like to make it known over here, and I write to ask whether you could very kindly let me have it in full for the monthly magazine, THE CHURCHMAN, which I edit. It so happens that we are publishing a series of articles on "Christian Reunion" just at present, and this would make a valuable contribution. I trust this may be possible, and if so, perhaps you will kindly send me the full report.

May I add that I seem to know you very well, not only through your writings which I value greatly, but also through our common friend, Mr. W. R. Moody, who has more than once spoken to me of you. I am sorry that I did not happen to meet you when I was in Northfield some five years ago, but I trust there may be another opportunity before very long.

Believe me,

Yours most faithfully,

W. H. Griffith Thomas

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~~62, Paternoster Row~~

~~London E.A.~~ August 4. 1909.

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My dear Mr. Speer,

You will receive from the publisher a copy of the August number of the CHURCHMAN in which your article appears. I now have pleasure in enclosing cheque in payment for our use of it with many thanks for your kindness. You will see that I ventured to introduce you to our readers by a note on p.569.

There is some prospect of my coming over to America for some meetings next Spring and I sincerely hope we may be able to meet.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Received  
Aug 22/09*

*W. H. Griffith Thomas*

Ans.  
By 10/17

Titus, Pauline L.

24 Grover Street -  
Auburn N. Y. 7/28/2



My dear Mr. Spear,  
I heard that  
talk you gave the girls  
at Northfield, Sunday  
night - you "Experienced"  
and hoped that you  
would touch the question  
which has become a  
trouble - mill in my mind.  
What of our loved  
ones who have died.

is character," good will towards  
men "and all, must go down  
before the claim "my God and my  
King"; then Mr. Spear, its a very  
serious question here. I can well  
understand the Romanist-gilt  
his masses for the repose of the  
dead.

I should not-trouble you now,  
but-am going across the water  
next month, and cannot-bear

neither affirming nor  
denying Christ, are we  
to recognize the doubt &  
plead for the "consummation  
devoutly to be wished" or  
trust to the hope of Perfect  
Love - which disdains  
as well as remove all  
personal endeavor.

Frankly, my acceptance  
of Christ hinges on this  
- we know no separation  
in this life, and I know  
no future that does  
not include us both,

to have my Walker  
sleeping on this side,  
unless I know.

Sincerely yours,  
Pauline Louise Titus  
July the twenty-eighth.

Titus, Pauline Louise

24 Grover Street

Auburn N . Y .

7-13-7



My dear Mr.Spear;

I was at the Republic yesterday to see our boys who have been at Northfield and such a splendid thing has happened that I thought you might like to hear of it.

A Jewish lad of eighteen from a cultured home, where tradition stands paramount, had been doing a great deal of thinking, ever since he came to Freeville, and I was more anxious about him for the effects of Northfield than anyone else. We had such a nice talk yesterday and he sees and realizes things in the way one could most desire. Unconsciously, you were the only Speaker that he talked of, quoting remarks and illustrations that showed an undivided attention, and the facts of your addresses very evidently settled his mind. I feel so hopeful for



the building up of a fine character now, his uncertainty over the moral questions has retarded progress along other lines.

Of course you must know all the time of the fine results of your work, but I ventured to think that this specific case might make you very proud, the boy already has the mature mind of a man of thirty and any of the extreme views that appeal to the intellect alone, might have claimed him.


Sincerely yours,

July the thirteenth.

Pauline Louise Sitzer

n.d.

Titus, Pauping h.

24, Grove Street  
Auburn  New York.

My dear Mr. Spear,

I have long  
wanted to tell you  
of two little incidents  
if I do not intrude.

Last August - on  
the 1st of Northfield  
Prison, when  
Mr. Will Moody  
read the telegram.

The shock of it "in the  
midst of life, we are in  
death, must-have faced  
many a one to make the  
decision then and there  
if that little life had  
reached maturity, could  
it have accomplished much  
more?

do you remember reading

telling of your great loss, there was a sudden stunned silence, and then a great-sob arose, seemingly from every heart - in that vast audience.

It was the most eloquent-tribute of the old Hindustani saying "you sorrow in my sorrow".

a letter at the same  
conference, from a Collyer  
boy, asking you aid  
and saying as you  
slowly returned it to  
the envelope, that you,  
alone were able to do  
nothing for him - my  
boys of the Gloucester  
Republic, have spoken  
of it - so many times

I wish you might  
know them better

I remain  
Truly yours  
Pauline Louise Titus

Titus, Pauline Louise

24 Grover Street  
Auburn N.Y.

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MAR 6 1908  
Mr. Spear.

My dear Mr. Spear,

Thank you for answering my questions, you make me understand your position, I am trying to think it out. Before this, the sacrament has seemed too sacred, an almost unnecessary torture for those to whom "spiritual things are NOT spiritually discerned".

Two of your essays have filled my mind for many weeks, the one on "Truthfulness" in "The Marks of a Man", came as a shock. I fancied everyone regarded truth-telling as ideal, but took the law of Kindness, for a daily rule. Suppose a person had a record of ten years almost hourly, deliberate, falsehood--which helped to save a brain tottering under physical anguish, and make a life bearable--don't you think that person would have done it gladly, never questioning?

One of my Junior Republic boys wrote me in regard to theatre-going, he had just been reading your "Questions of a Young Man" and knowing my position, wanted my reasons. Although I had settled the matter for myself long ago, yet fearing that conditions might have changed even this winter, I went down to New York and looked into the matter as practically as I could, not only the different classes of performances, but individuals both on and off the stage, and special work such as the "Actors Church Alliance". I had an interesting experience of being at a professional matinee, given by Mrs Patrick Campbell, and through some mistake in the time, waiting in a crowd of over five hundred of these people, for about an hour. They naturally supposing me one of them, chatted freely, and Mr. Spear, if their lives bear out their speech, generosity, charity, and a christian spirit, are certainly theirs.

I see no reason to change my mind, one is at liberty to chose the best, and I gratefully acknowledge the lessons that the stage has taught me. Drama

exists around us in every life, and the stage shows it condensed, with the attending results. Outside the selfish standpoint, if we are to aid in anyway, we cannot do it by being ignorant of the conditions under which the actors live and work, not that I believe in a knowledge of evil, in order to relieve it, but these people especially, in their mimic world, with little chance of mingling in ordinary life, do need and appreciate INTELLIGENT sympathy.

Although a silent member of this discussion, it did not seem fair, not to tell you what I am writing my boy, after first telling him that it is a question for personal decision. It's not been an easy thing to do when I know so well of your great personal influence for good with boys, but it's my honest opinion.

Sincerely yours,

Pauline Louise Titus

Tod, Henry

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MAR 27 1909

Mr. Speer.

Rev Robert E Speer  
Secretary  
Board of Foreign Missions

Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.

H. & H. TOD, W.S.

158 5th Avenue

New York U.S.A.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.

"JUS EDINBURGH."

TELEPHONE N<sup>o</sup> 2100.

45 NORTH CASTLE STREET,

EDINBURGH.

19th March 1909

Dear Mr Speer,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I duly received your letter of the 8th inst. for which I am obliged. The titles and sub-titles have now been approved of by the Committee and I communicated them to suitable daily and church newspapers. As it was suggested that the Assembly Hall would be the most suitable hall in Edinburgh for the delivery of the lectures I have written and arranged that, subsequent to the approval of the Assembly Arrangement Committee, the hall will be <sup>meanwhile</sup> reserved for the Sundays you are to lecture in Edinburgh. I shall be glad to know if you approve of these arrangements. <sup>arrangements for the</sup> Lectures fall to be arranged by you and are then formally approved of by the Trustees. The fee for the Assembly Hall is and I think it only fair to inform you that rents, printing, advertising &c run away with a considerable portion of the Lecturer's remuneration.

Dr Robson informed me by telephone that he proposed to arrange a Meeting with Dr Kelman Mr Sclater and myself with a view to making arrangements if possible that there should be no meetings for students on the Sundays you are to lecture.



Rev R.E.Speer

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I am ascertaining about suitable Halls in Glasgow and Aberdeen.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Toob

The arrangements for all the previous ~~drift~~ <sup>lectures</sup> have been made by my father, since his death by me & I presume you will wish me to do so for you.

Tod, Elizabeth M.  
2-25-?

Carnethy,  
Seafield,  
Roslin.

My dear Mr. Speer,  
For several  
days I have been think-  
-ing about writing you  
a note before you  
leave Scotland, but  
as it is now so near  
the time for you to sail  
I am sending this to  
the steamer. It was  
a great disappointment  
to me, to miss you

deal lately, I thought it  
best to obey the doctors  
orders - He has forbidden  
anything of that kind,  
as he says it is too  
much of a mental  
strain. In spite of  
that I am perfectly  
well and able bodied.  
Mr. Todd and I will  
look forward to  
seeing you in the  
summer, and there  
we hope to meet  
your wife and family  
also. Don't forget us,  
will you? I do hope  
you will have a very

delightful lectures, I  
thoroughly en-  
joyed those I did hear.  
Of course I shall with  
great pleasure read  
your lectures, yet  
that will not be the  
same for, if you will  
pardon me for say-  
ing it, watching you  
and listening to you  
speaking, makes them  
so delightful, but they  
will be interesting to  
read, I am sure.  
As my head has  
bothered me a good

quiet and pleasant  
voyage and that  
the Galedonia will  
be comfortable and  
will treat you well -  
Your wee girlie will  
not call in vain  
much longer nor  
for you to hurry  
home and I can im-  
-agine her delight  
when she sees her  
Daddy - with kindest  
regards and thanking  
you very much for  
your note received this  
morning I am

Very faithfully  
Elizabeth M. Todd

February twenty-fifth -

Rev Robert E Speer  
Hon Sec  
Foreign Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

H. & H. TOD. W.S.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.  
"JUS EDINBURGH."  
TELEPHONE N<sup>o</sup> 2100.

45 NORTH CASTLE STREET,  
EDINBURGH.

RECEIVED  
MAY 13 1909  
Mr. Speer.

1st May 1909

Dear Mr Speer,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I am in receipt of your letter of 1st April for which I am obliged. I have only today learned that the Committee are prepared to give you the use of the Assembly Hall and at a reduced charge of £3.3/ say ~~£16~~ per meeting - I have retained the Hall for the **third** Sundays of January and five successive Sundays. According to the Trust Deed the whole expense of managing the Trust and Lectureship arrangements fall to be paid by the Lecturer and in addition to this he has to meet my firm's expenses for making the arrangements (i.e. if we make the arrangements) and the cost of rents advertising &c. I thought it right to bring this matter before you in my last letter because one lecturer after insisting upon very lavishing advertising was rather unpleasant when he found out the very small sum that was left and which represented his remuneration as Lecturer. I have so far tentatively arranged that you are to have the use of the U.F. College Hall in Aberdeen <sup>free</sup> and at the suggestion of Dr Robson I have approached the ~~Principal of the~~ U.F. College of Glasgow and Mr Morrison, Assitant clerk, University of Glasgow with regard to the arrangements

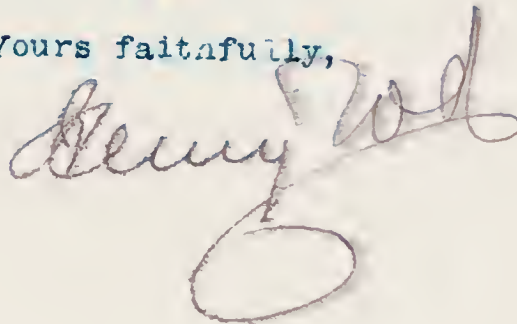
Rev Robert E Speer

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arrangements to be made in Glasgow. When I have heard from them I will write you again.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Henry Wood".

Torrey, Edith Clare

~~Miss~~

451 South 51st St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 16, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Will you kindly  
tell me if it is  
possible to secure in  
pamphlet form your  
address on "The  
Value of Hardness"

ation to scores, some of them  
being Christian workers  
of international fame. I  
wondered if it would be  
restful to you to call on  
her during your time in  
Philadelphia next week.

Most sincerely yours,

Edith Clare Torrey.

(Miss E. C. Torrey.)



delivered in Northfield  
July 14, 1907. Among  
those to whom its  
message has brought  
deep comfort is a  
friend who has been  
confined to her bed  
for seven years. She  
is absolutely helpless  
through rheumatism  
and totally blind.  
Her wonderful faith  
has been an inspir-

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York,  
N. Y.

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JUL 11 1866  
MR. SPEER

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I am writing to  
ask if the addresses which  
you gave at the University  
of Pennsylvania the past  
two winters are in print -  
and if there is a chance to  
secure copies of them.

After you were in Philadelphia  
last winter I wrote to a cousin

of the Evangelical position, in a clearer way than I had ever heard before.

I can quote only very imperfectly now but one of the thoughts was that to feel us that two thousand years ago one had lived, who had conquered where we have striven and failed meant to us only a perfect despair unless He had given us a power through which we might overcome. Another thought scarfed away was that all there is of good in Unitarianism is but a reflection of the truth. These are crude and fragmentary, but I thought they might help you to what I prefer.

If these addresses or similar ones are not already in print, I am wondering if you may not feel like putting some of these thoughts in such shape that they can be used for definite work with some of our young people who have not the privilege of hearing you.

Very truly,  
3520 Osceola St.  
Denver, Colorado  
A. B. Townsend  
July 24 - 1906

in the South, a woman whose  
Christian influence is wide-  
ly felt among young people,  
referring to you clearly you-  
had shown the illogical  
position of Unitarianism.  
My cousin has just written  
asking me to suggest one  
of your books for a young  
man "who has lost his  
moorings and is drifting".

In the two addresses to  
which I have referred it  
seemed to me you put  
the unanswerable logic.

Trumbull, C.G.

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MAY 23 1907

MR. SPEER.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

1031 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA

EDITORIAL ROOMS

May 22, 1907.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

My dear Rob:

You will be interested, I know, in the enclosed two letters about your use of the verses which accompanied your editorial "Self Purification by Hope".

You need not return the letters.

Yours affectionately,



Enclosures.

ANS'D  
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98 Queen St.  
Halifax N. S.  
May Thirteen

Mr Charles G. Trumbull  
Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Dear Mr Trumbull:

In your issue of  
April twentieth, under the Editorial  
"Self-Purification by Hope" you  
quoted from Miss Questis' poem  
"When are you going away yet".

My sister told Miss Questis  
of your article and sent it to-

her to read. I thought you would  
like to know that she appreciated  
your article and so enclosed her note  
Thanking my sister.

Yours Truly

Minnie M. Ball



May 9, 1907.

Dear Miss Bell,

I thank you very much for letting me see this paper. But the one who wrote the prose article evidently found more in my poem than I meant to put into it, — more, that is, than I realised that I was putting into it. I thought, when I wrote it, that it might perhaps mean more to other people than it did to me, but I never expected to see it quoted at the end of such an article as that.

I am glad you like the verses.

Yours sincerely,

Annie C. Huestis.

Please excuse paper.  
Am writing in Father's office.  
Alcott



Trumbull, C.G.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

1031 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA

EDITORIAL ROOMS

January 22, 1908.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

I think you would prefer to send a line directly to Mr. Milholland, who criticizes a statement made in your article "When Did Jesus Denounce Men?" Will you do so?

If you would care to let me see a copy of your letter, when you return Mr. Milholland's letter, I shall be greatly interested in having it for my own information.

Yours affectionately,

Enclosure. (over)

P. S. The only word that I have written Mr. Milholland is that I was forwarding his letter to you because I knew that you would prefer to write him directly.

*J. H. Milholland,*  
*Stated Clerk and Treasurer,*  
*The Synod of Illinois, and also the Foster Presbytery of the*  
*Cumberland Presbyterian Church.*

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1908.  
Charleston, Illinois, January, 13, 1908

D E A R S U N D A Y S H E D A Y S C H O O L T I M E S ---

In YOUR issue for Jan. 11, 1908 on page 15 is a most excellent article by Robert E. Spear, on: "When Did Jesus Denounce Men?"

But is there not an unconscious slip in the first sentence of his fifth paragraph? (Or the second paragraph under the first Sub-Heading)? viz: "Jesus seems never to have denounced any one for any charge made against himself."

Some years ago it was my lot to be where many extremely improbable interpretations were being given to such Scriptures as: "Who shall be reviled, reviled not again" --- and "as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

And in making a careful study of the subject my conclusion was, and is, that not during his ministry, but only when HE came to the time to be offered as a sacrifice - and including the immediate preceding events - were HIS lips sealed. Of course H E N E V E R, N E V E R R E V I L E D. But for a sharp personal tilt and personal defense see John 8:12-59; and note especially verses 55, 48, 49, 44: "--- if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you;"-- "Say we ~~not~~ not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil;" --- "Ye ~~are~~ are of your father the devil, etc"

IS IT WORTH MORE TIME AND STUDY?

Most Cordially and Fraternaly,

J.H. Milholland.

Tuttle, John Ellory

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JAN 21 1909

Mr. Spear.

*JES*

The Wause. First Presbyterian Church.  
770 Queen St., York, Penn.  
January 20, 1909.

My dear Mr. Spear:-

I must express to you my profound satisfaction, my delight, with your address on "The Deity of Christ," delivered September last at Northfield. The Record of Christian Work in which it appeared has but just now reached me.

It is, by all odds, the clearest, most comprehensive, most suggestive and best adapted to the modern mind of anything, within the limits of an address or sermon, I have ever seen on this subject. I wish it were possible to have it printed, if it has not been, in a vest pocket edition for circulation among the churches, especially in Men's and Young People's organizations. It would be tremendously effective.

Yours very possibly, Remember me

as formerly pastor of Auburn College  
and head of the department of Biblical  
Literature there.

I am now, with much joy to myself,  
in the Presbyterian ranks, having come here  
in September last.

I hope we may sometime have you here  
for an address or a series of addresses.

The Synod meets with me next autumn.

With most cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

John Henry Tuttle

GRAND HOTEL & NATIONAL  
WENGEN  
BERNER OBERLAND

Fr. Bortler, Propr.

Underwood, H.G.

Aug 24/06

Dear Mr Speer:

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While in Lucern I met  
Dr Hamilton & heard from him of  
the sad loss you have been called  
upon to sustain in the death  
of your little girl.

Mrs Underwood & I want to  
express to you our heartfelt sym-  
-pathy for you at this time & to  
assure you that our prayers go  
up for you & Mrs Speer

Words are so poor to express  
ones feelings at such times but  
we just wanted to let you know  
that we felt & prayed for you.

In accordance with the suggestion  
of the doctors in Geneva we plan  
to stay in Southern France till  
the spring when we expect to

come on to New York at which  
time we hope to have the pleasure  
of seeing you again

Yours sincerely  
W. G. Wood

C/° John Underwood & C°  
N° 36 Bd des Italiens,

Paris. May 16th, 1907.

Mr Robert E. Speer,  
Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

**RECEIVED**

MAY 25 1907

**MR. SPEER.**

My dear Mr Speer:

I want to thank you very much indeed for your kind letter and for the interest you have shown concerning the school to which my lad ought to be sent.

I have received a letter from the President of Chester School stating that catalogue was on the way. I have also received a catalogue of Lawrenceville school.

In regard to the difference between military and ordinary schools, on general principles, I think I would agree with you, but in this particular instance the bringing up of my lad and his studies have been so irregular that it almost seems to me now he needs, for a time at least, the distinct, definite and systematic drill that he would get in a military institution.

I had previously heard of the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, but had, in the main, heard it spoken of rather as a college than as a preparatory school; I see now that it has a preparatory department.

I do not want to bother you again because you are such a busy man, but would you mind, if you can, giving me your opinion about the Bordentown Military Institute? It is a Methodist School, I believe, and Dr Theodore Cuyler's grandson was there and all his folks spoke very highly of the institute. Do you know the institute yourself, and can you tell me anything about it? Were I at home now I would be able to look into all these matters without bothering



anyone, but I presume the application will have to go in before I reach New York, and here is the difficulty.

In regard to myself: You will be glad to know that my throat is very much better. I have put myself under the care of Dr Gros in Paris, an American physician who has a large practice and a very fine reputation. He suggested the other day that I ought to try moderately the use of my voice again and on last Sunday, with his consent, I preached again for the first time in considerably over a year. I got through the sermon all right, but I found that my throat was not well and about midway I feared that I might have to stop; I was given strength to finish, however, and the after-results seemed in no way detrimental; it did not bring on any of the coughing that I had previously had, though it did make me a little hoarse. The Doctors insist that I must not come on to New York until the fall and it is our intention to spend the summer in the high altitudes of Switzerland and to arrive in New York early in September. We certainly hope and pray that I may be well enough to return almost direct to Korea.

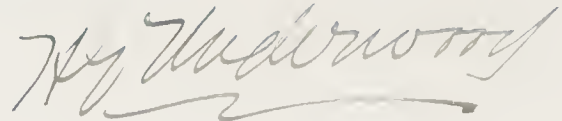
I am writing Dr Brown today about the needs in Korea. I know that you personally take an interest in this land and as I see the way in which the hearts of the people there seem ready to receive the Message I fear, more than ever, that the Church ought to have had more men there to give the message and to use the opportunity. We cannot be sure that the opportunity will continue; we certainly have it now and would it not be, to say the very least, a good policy to push, at the present time, the work more vigorously in Korea and thus, in a very few years, have Korea Christianized? This can be done if the church will do her duty and I do not think that there are many

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fields where there is a wider or more open door than in Korea today.

Thanking you again for your kindness and trusting that you will pardon me for again bothering you about the school,

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Myung Unwon", with a decorative flourish underneath.

New Zealand  
Young Men's Presbyterian  
Bible Class Union.

Urguhart, H.

August 15th,

1906

R.E. Speer Esq,  
General Secretary,  
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,  
PHILADELPHIA.

Dear Sir,

At a recent Conference of the above Union held in Dunedin a hope was expressed that it might be possible for you to visit New Zealand next year and take part in our Conference which will be held in Christchurch during Easter week, and I have been instructed to write to you with a view to ascertaining if there is any likelihood of our hopes being realised.

It has been our custom for some years past to hold an annual Camp and Conference during Easter, and at the last two or three Camps there has been an attendance of some three hundred members of the Bible Class Union. Next year we expect to have at least five hundred young men in camp, as in addition to the usual attractions of the Camp there will be the interest attaching to the Exhibition, which is to be held at Christchurch during the coming summer months and will remain open w till after Easter.

It was thought that, as the occasion will be unique, the influence of yourself being such a specialist in young men's matters, and being resident continuously with a body of five hundred men for four days would be very great, and would be the means, in a very large degree of helping to consolidate our movement, which may be said to be yet in its infancy.

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We also expect to have several united gatherings of young men, and could assure you of large and sympathetic audiences. It was felt that with your experience of men a great work could be done amongst the young men of New Zealand.

Of course any invitation to yourself would go through our General Assembly, but before approaching this body I would be glad to learn from you what the prospects would be of your acceptance. If you could see your way to come, arrangements could be made for other gatherings both in New Zealand and in Australia.

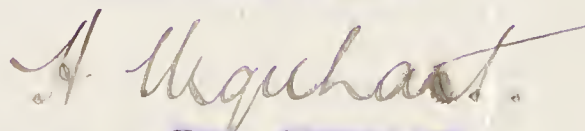
Under separate cover I am sending you some printed matter for your perusal which will give you some information regarding our movement.

As our General Assembly meets in November your reply before then will be esteemed a favour.

Soliciting your favourable consideration and hoping you may be able to honour us with your presence.

I am,

Yours very truly,



Hon. Secretary

10 Wilson Street,

WELLINGTON, N.Z.

THE MADISON,  
LAKEWOOD, N. J.  
MRS. E. H. MERRIMAN.

Vanderbeek, Henry

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1903  
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I have long deplored, very  
dear Mr. Speer, the heartless  
heathenish custom, - happily  
as large so common as in  
former days, - of waiting until  
the lifeless form lies on the  
bier before expression is given  
to the honest and affectionate  
admiration one feels. Strange  
as it may seem, I am not  
writing to beg for an address.  
But I wish to say more fully  
what I tried to say, then we-  
ning in the Church, that  
your scholarly and interesting  
oration out - I feared 'Speer'.  
I have listened in my time  
to some fine Foreign Missions  
preaching. But we had the

real thing this evening. Logans  
withdrew saying that your  
name is associated in both  
hemispheres with the graces  
of public speaking and the  
attributes which arrest and  
hold the attention and  
stimulate the imagination  
of audiences, as you intimated  
in your address I could  
not help thinking that  
you would make the ideal  
university preacher. But  
anything so subsidiary as  
the technique of style, - as  
fluency of utterance, - as the  
devices of the rhetorician's  
art - was entirely lost sight  
of to - wit in the breadth  
of viewpoint, - the cogency  
of intellectual mastery, - the

The reunion of Christendom -  
an universal brotherhood -  
The federation of the world -  
the far-off issue toward  
which all things are mov-  
ing in converging lines.  
There was no direct attack  
upon the rampart mater-  
ialism gave time, but I  
never knew that preem-  
inent evil to be more aus-  
terely rebuked or more suc-  
cessfully antagonized.

I admire you as I thank  
God for your spirit, - your afflu-  
ent nature, - your real-  
istic consecration and rejoice  
that the Church Catholic has  
so gifted a servant.

Yours faithfully -  
Henry Colverhead.

depth of religious feeling, -  
 the abnormal solemnity which  
 shone in your face and thrilled  
 in your voice and clutched  
 at the heart - struck of our  
 audience. That is the reality  
 and the manner of preach-  
 ing which reaches down and  
 changes the current of thought  
 and regulates the energies  
 of those who hear. It seemed  
 too good to be Synodical,  
 it was too comical to be  
 ecclesiastical. Such an  
 address ought to bear fruits  
 beyond any immediate  
 calculation. There lay  
 a fulcrum in it we heard  
 of things - no insubstantial  
 fabric of fond and pious dreams,  
 but "the communion of saints" -



Vander Veer, Charlotte

106 Macomber Ave., Joliet, Illinois,

April 25, 1910.

Dear Mr. Speer,

Here is something that will amuse you,--and it does us good to be amused. I dreamed last night of you. I thought you were attending a convention in my home city, Grand Rapids, and called upon me in the middle of the afternoon. It seemed to be in the long ago before our big flock began to scatter and before the home was broken up, and all the six boys were home. If you had found me home at all in those over-busy days, you would have found me just as you did in the dream, hard at the housework and looking every inch the part! I must have had you confused with some of my college mates, for I remember that we talked over Olivet people. And then you left and elected to go, not by a door but by vaulting out over the middle sash of a window! To do it you started well back and began to turn a number of back somersaults. That performance drew the boys from cover, and they began to try to equal or outdo the performance. I wondered a little if that had been your object, for not one of them had put in <sup>an</sup> appearance during the call. At any rate, I did not seem necessary to the affair so went back to my work. Suddenly it occurred to me to ask you to come back after you had done your next errand and take supper with us. I went out on the piazza to ask that of you, for you were already starting off with a couple of the boys as body guard. And then came my shock,--it shocked me awake! You were wearing a queer soft felt, turned down all around,--and smoking a penny clay pipe. You accepted the invitation, shook hands, and went off, very evidently quite the master of the situation as far as the boys went,--and as evidently unconscious that you had fallen from any pedestal in my estimation. I remember thinking as I went back into the house, "Now, I suppose you did that to curry favor with those lads,--and you do not realize that you have been almost

my last reliance in that tobacco matter". It was a relief when I awoke to remember that the whole dream had, no doubt, been due to a recent rereading of your <sup>a</sup> Young Man's Questions, and that it surely gave no uncertain sound on that question.

It means so much to me when manly men take the stand you do on that and kindred subjects. I have with me my youngest brother, and he has grown very fond of our dear domine, but it has been hard to have him able to quote the fact that that good man smoked--on occasion, when he thinks he can "win" some man by joining him. I do not believe he gains anything and am sure he loses much, but the lad likes to quote him to me. And I like to quote you to the boy and the fact that you can win men without it.

It is a great comfort to me sometimes to think how much we can do for the world by simply being right. It strengthens me in my own fight to be what I believe to remember that other souls may be depending on my victory as I depend upon yours and that of other people I know who simply will not lower their ideals to fit their performance but are determined to bring their living up to meet their own standards. I feel a boundless gratitude to such determined souls, and I am sure that it must be a part of their Master's "well done" in the next world that their fellow servants were consciously buoyed and strengthened by their courage and persistence and faith. I think my daily prayer for you is selfish in that measure that I cannot bear that you should fail in your fight for righteousness in your own life because the fight in my life and as I make it for the lives of still others would be that much harder to win if you should. Very grateful, for instance, was I to awake from that dream, for the sense of disappointment and depression was very vivid and very hard to meet bravely. All day it kept me reminded how in this battle for the kingdom we are all interdependent and drag down with us or pull up with us so many we hardly know. I am only one of many, many hundreds whom you hardly know and rarely think of that are nevertheless depending upon you and your faithfulness.

For three years I have meant to write to you. I wanted to tell you what I cannot tell so accurately now, about reading aloud to some plain but godly people your Marks of a Man. The comments interested me very much, but naturally they have grown dim to my memory now. But one thing I do remember, and that is that one of your illustrations failed of its point with them as with some of your Beloit listeners because it drew attention from the main point that you were seeking to illustrate to a side issue. Do you remember quoting the case of a University bred young man who went into a shop and worked over time? Many questioned his right to compete with other workmen and still more questioned his right out of his life of leisure to set standards in the length of a working day that the tired and otherwise hampered laborer could not wisely meet. And so the real point of the story seemed in each instance quite lost in the other discussions provoked. I was reminded of the fashion in which Christ's parable of the unjust steward seems always also to lose its point to most readers because of the side issues it suggests, side issues that probably had no appeal to His original audience but do to our modern consciences.

I meant also at that time to send you something I had a chance to write for our church paper. It is hardly worth sending, but since I have kept it all this time for you I will send it, and you need never confess if you never take time for reading it.

I am happy this year in a class of boys again instead of a class of complacent "Mothers in Israel", who either do not need my teaching or would not use it if they did. Four of my lads as well as the brother I spoke of publicly professed their faith on Easter Day. Feeling as I do that the church owes much to its new members in helping them start with right standards and habits, I have been very anxious to help these lads. I am taking one step in giving them either your <sup>a</sup> Young Man's Questions or Dr. Gordon's Quiet Talks. So you will have a part in it all. And that will please you, as it ought.

Do not feel called upon to reply to this gossip. God bless your work.

Very truly - Charlotte Van De Steen.

Van der Veer, Charlotte

Dec 22 1910  
**RECEIVED** Speer,

DEC 22 1910


Mr. Speer.

I cannot  
look back at least once a  
year expressing my  
gratitude for all the  
help and light in my  
daily journey you give  
me in one fashion or  
another. And may I add,  
too, my felicitation on  
all the pleasant things  
that came to you at  
Edinburgh. I fancy you

Dear Mother:

Gratefully,  
Your little daughter  
Lillian.

106 Macomber Ave.  
Soham, Ill.


 lways by my Christmas fire-side, ccccccc  
 cccc **O**ne abides — a Royal Guest, cccc  
 cccc **O**ne whose coming gives new gladness, cc  
 cccc **O**ne who stills the heart-unrest; cccc  
 cccc **O**ne whose entrance brings the Vision cc  
 cccc **O**f the Life that yet shall be; ccccccc  
 :cccccc cccc **O**ne who wakes to vibrant Music ccccccc  
 :cccccccccccccc **L**ove for all **H**umanity. ccccccccccc

:cccccccccc **A**nd to-night, my word of **G**reeting ccc  
 :cccccc **B**eats one **C**entral **W**ish to say,  
 :cccccc **M**ay this **P**eace which passeth cc  
 :cccccccccc ccccccccccccccc **K**nowledge. ccccccc:  
 :cccccccc **B**ide with **Y**ou on **C**hristmas **D**ay. cc:  
 Mary C. Lowman

feel for yourself much  
as I do for myself, as my  
father, too, did for himself  
about "honors among brethren"  
as he put it. But for my  
friends' honoring of me and  
of services.

May 1911. bring you a larger  
and larger service. and it will,  
for that is the law of the Kingdom; into

( Dictated )

Avalon  
Princeton, N. J.

Van Dyke, Henry  
27 October, 1903.

My dear Mr Speer:-

Your kind letter of the 21st has been received, and interests me greatly. Such a book as you suggest is much to be desired, and some one ought to make it; but in spite of your kind words I do not feel equal to the task. It will be by no means easy, and if it is well done, that is, with perfect frankness and naturalness, treating the material as a man of letters (like Stevenson) always does his work, it might be well that the writer should be one whose residence is not in Princeton. Among other reasons for this, it would help him to get his point of view, his perspective, from a little distance. There is plenty of good material, as we all know, and some day I am sure a man will be found to do this service for Princeton.

Faithfully yours,

*Henry van Dyke*

Robert E. Speer, Esq.



Vawter, C. E.



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BLACKSBURG, VA., February 7th, 1910.

Mr. Robt. T. Spear,  
New York City,

My dear Mr. Spear:-

I have not heard you talk since the Thorville Summer School of the summer of 1895. Your sermon was on, "Have faith in God". I long for our students to hear you. We need you here and especially at this time.

I am directed by the president and the committee on public exercises to invite you to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at our Commencement in June.

Personally I want to urge you to come.

You were the first choice, not only of our committee and the president but of all here who have ever heard you.

It shall be my earnest prayer that you will be with us. The message that came from our Saviour thro you has never left me. I want our boys to receive just such a message.

Most sincerely and fraternally,

*C. E. Vawter*

February 9th, 1910.

Mr. C.E.Vawter,

Virginia Polytechnic Institute,

Blacksburg, VA.

My dear Mr. Vawter:

Your kind invitation to Mr. Speer to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at the Institute has been received in his absence in Scotland, where he is delivering a series of missionary lectures. He is not expecting to return until March 6th.

I fear, however, that it will be impossible for him to do as you request, in view of the fact that he is anticipating having to go again to Scotland in June, to attend the World Missionary Conference. I shall hold your invitation here, however, and bring it to Mr. Speer's attention immediately upon his return.

Very cordially yours,

Acting Secretary.

Vincent, George

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MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I have your letter of December twenty-eighth and am accepting our annual disappointment with such stoicism as I can muster. Is this too early to make an application for 1908? I dare say there are a great many other things that are more important than Chautauqua. You must excuse my provincial absorption in the thing in which I am interested. I wish you could at least drop off a train and run over by trolley for an afternoon sometime during the season.

I shall sometime try to corner you in your office or elsewhere and try my persuasive methods at close quarters.

Yours sincerely,

*George E. Vincent*

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MR. SPEER.

5737 Lexington Avenue, Chicago

October 3, 1907

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I was disappointed in not seeing you when I called at your office the other day. I wanted to begin an early campaign to see whether you could not come to us at Chautauqua. I had almost begun to suspect that there must be some reason for your evasiveness. I can hardly believe that you do not approve of us, nor that you regard it as hardly worth your while to visit us. I hope that all next summer is not full and that you can come and spend a week with us.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
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Mr. Speer.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I do not know as anyone has written you regarding Mr. Moody so possibly this letter may be superfluous, but not knowing and not wishing to bother the family, I am writing, and if you already know of his condition this letter may be consigned to the wastebasket.

Mr. Moody contracted a severe cold on his way to or from Dr. Weston's funeral, and upon returning home came down with what was thought to be a severe attack of grippe. This, however, has developed into what the doctor calls broncho pneumonia, and after a consultation of doctors, representing the best authority in the state, we are advised that it will probably be some weeks before Mr. Moody will take up his duties again.

This form of pneumonia I understand is a sort of wandering pneumonia, the doctor finding spots on the lung one day and the next day finding these have disappeared and finding new spots in other places. Together with this Mr. Moody has quite an attack of influenza which of course causes complications, and he is at present quite weak, but yesterday he had a more comfortable day than for some time and the doctor advises us that his temperature and pulse are getting very nearly normal. This of course is encouraging and we are hoping that he will have strength sufficient to throw off the malady and begin to mend before long.

Mrs. Moody came down with a severe attack of tonsillitis last week brought on I think from worry and work in caring for Mr. Moody but she is much better and the nurse which they had for her two or three days has already gone.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walker, S.E

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W. R. MOODY,

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Mr. Speer,

March 1, 1909.

Dear Mr. Speer:

This is just a note to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 27th ult to Mr. Moody, and to say that I am sending it to Mrs. Moody, but as she may be too much engaged to write you today this will let you know that everything is progressing as nicely as it possibly can with them. Mr. Moody's temperature is normal practically all the time, although he has tried once or twice to make a little exertion, which has shown him, as well as those about him, that he is much weaker than they thought.

The doctor told me yesterday that there was no reason in his mind why Mr. Moody should not continue to improve gradually, but of necessity very slowly, until he would be able to be up and out, at which time he thought it would be best for him to clear out from Northfield and stay three or four

weeks and to get thoroughly strong before attempting to take up his duties again. Undoubtedly Mrs. Moody will write you more fully, but this may help out in the meantime.

Very sincerely yours,

*S. E. Walker*

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. Speer;

I learn that the Y.M.C.A. people are anxious that you shall lead an evangelical campaign at the Iowa State University some time during the month of March; and I hope that you will do so, as efficient leadership is greatly needed.

I recently spent a Sabbath at the University, and addressed the students at the vesper service on Solomon and his writings. In this I endeavored to point out to them that the sins of Solomon were not of the flesh but of the intellect; that the cutting off of the tribe of Judah from the rest of the nation like a diseased limb was due to the personal influence of Solomon in sanctioning idolatrous worship; and that this sanction grew out of his broad views, similar to those entertained by rationalists in every age, namely, that the different religions are simply different modes of apprehending the Divine; and that in worshiping four gods he really worshiped none; that we have in the Book of Ecclesiastes his autobiography, in which he depicts with unsparing hand the different follies of his life and the Slough of Despond into which he fell, and secured a firm footing only at the close of his life, when for the first time he got hold of the true idea, that of doing good to



others. His whole previous life, whether in the pursuit of wisdom, wealth or pleasure, had been selfish

I tried to point out to them the particular dangers that beset young men in a University; that the sins into which they were most likely to fall were exactly the same as those into which Solomon fell; and that while their fall, or that of any individual, would be a trifling thing in its results compared with that of Solomon, the very life of the nation would be imperiled if educated men fell under the same temptations under which Solomon fell.

This, you will observe, is a somewhat new view of the life of Solomon; but I am quite sure it is the correct one; and with this view the three books which he wrote become luminous. Otherwise they are a puzzle to commentators.

Sincerely your friend,

*Henry Mollen*

Wallace, William

Extract from letter from  
William Wallace.  
St. Peter, Minn.  
Jan. 19th, 1904.

and now a word about that Board Meeting. I knew all along that personally you were most anxious to have me meet the Board, and your very kind letter of explanations confirmed me to that belief. Still it was a tremendous disappointment, and I cannot understand yet why it was necessary for a regularly appointed missionary of the Board who is supposed to have its confidence, to be excluded from the privilege of hearing its deliberations. On the regular business before it. A word of explanation that the matter treated was confidential would have been sufficient to any missionary with any sense of honor. After being cordially and sincerely united by yourself I was exposed to the embarrassment and humiliation of being treated as an intruder. For thirteen years I have labored under the Board, without ever having had the privilege of entering its deliberations, and of getting into real touch and sympathy with its members. Speaking favorably, it does seem that much harm must come from such exclusive than from any indiscretion in revealing the secrets of the Board.

Had you succeeded in wedging me in to make a little speech (though I confess I would have been at a loss what to say) and then run out again, I am afraid I would have been equally disappointed.

In returning to my work it will be with a distinct sense of loss and disappointment in not meeting the Board, who have chosen us, both secretaries and missionaries to cooperate with them in the world wide extension of the Kingdom.

Walter, Howard Arnold

Hartford Theological Seminary,

Hartford, Connecticut.

Feb. 5, 1908.

Mr. Robert E. Spear.

My dear Mr. Spear -

Your letter gives me just the information I wished regarding my chosen subject for a thesis, and deepens my determination to make it as thorough a piece of work as is possible under the circumstances. I am grateful both for the accurate information and the cordial tone of ~~the~~ letter, which I should have expected.

I read thru about half of "The Marks of a Man" last fall, being especially taken with your convincing treatment of the theme of the first chapter & but I had not read on to the end, so was unaware of the presence of my letter. I have just purchased a copy of the book, and it was with strange sensations that I read over the letter which cost me more than any I ever wrote, but of which I had forgotten the exact contents long ago. Sophomore tho it is it shows the passionate earnestness out of which it was born; and I hope the letter and your answer may indeed add to the value of the book by helping perhaps some college men who must pass thru a like period of futile, torturing self-scrutiny.

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So far as I can see, that period has passed out of my life never to return. There is much that I cannot understand, and never shall; but I no longer feel the desperate eagerness to know, largely divorced from a real willingness to do (which should precede), that I am afraid characterized me at that time.

Your advice was - is - superb: especially the first, third and fifth paragraphs, which I try to practice as well as to preach, with varying success. It was then you quoting him years ago that I fell upon Myers' "St Paul" and I think that poem, most of which I have learned, has done more for my devotional life than any book other than the Bible.

[If you can see or write Mr. <sup>J. C.</sup> Williams, of your mission whom I half lived with in Tokyo last winter. I wish you would ask him to drop me a line. I have written or rewritten him since returning, and have heard nothing - and wonder if he is well. I wish more young men could go out to the East for a year or two after college as some of us have been doing. It is a splendid preparation for service in any sphere.]

Thanking you again for your kindness, and hoping something may bring you to Hartford one of these days -  
Yours sincerely,  
Howard Arnold Walter

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
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My dear Mr. Speer:

We were rather unfortunate in not having you with us at our last Christian Conference, because you had to go down to South America. But we hope you will be able to come to address at our next conference for we are very anxious to hear you on the important topic, "Dedication and Consecration to Christian Service." The second conference of the C. S. C. A. is to be held at Hartford, Connecticut, from August 19-23 inclusive. We have arranged for a sunset meeting Friday at 6:15, the object of which is to call men to take up the Christian service and it is our hope to have you address <sup>the</sup> meeting which comes last as a sort of windup of the whole series.

Our idea is to have Prof. Sallmon lead us at the first meeting on Saturday, August 20th, followed on Sunday by Mr. Mott, and then on Monday by Prof. Bosworth.

We would be so happy to get a favorable reply from you.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

C.T. Wang.

W/M.

Warbuch, G. A.

November 17, 1906.

SUNNYTOP,  
TARRYTOWN-ON-HUDSON.

My dear Robert:

We have felt for some time that we needed to frankly face some of the questions that have been and are being discussed, by ministers at least, questions relating to the Bible, the person of Christ, the atonement and others if any

New York City Secretaries  
to see you and I want  
you to appoint a time  
when I may do so.

I shall be out of town next  
week after Wednesday  
With all good love.

Sincerely,

G. A. Warburton

Mr. Robert E. Spear,  
Englewood, N.J.

equally vital work. There  
seems to be a note of un-  
reality here and there  
among us that hinders  
our usefulness and prevents  
the presentation of a clear  
message. We want to get  
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much indeed to face  
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Mr. Speer.

City Hospital, Blackwell's Island.

July 15, 1909.

My dear Mr Speer;

I am interested in your books so far as I have read any of them, but I want to say a word on the first paragraph of chap 6, "The Principles of Jesus". And I do so in the most friendly way, not seeking a controversy in any sense whatever.

There is such a thing as Divine Healing. The dear Lord takes the sick body (of those who choose) and restores it, to health, without the aid of Medicine. Why not?

Sickness is here, and in mercy to our race God has supplied the whole system of Medical Science, but it is not because He has no other method. Satan attacks the body with his sicknesses, but Jesus employs them to work out His purposes, it may be that His image should be made more clear, or that the character may be purged, or for any reason which has for its object, the bearing of greater fruit. He does use them to chasten, strengthen, cleanse, in order to perfection.

But Death is part of the divine plan, and cannot be thought of as escapeable. The "logical conclusion", as you write, is, in my judgement, an error.

Divine healing is a FACT. The Rev Kenneth Mackenzie of Westport, Conn, has had several attacks of sickness, he is always healed without medical aid. His people could not understand it, and sent a doctor to enquire why. He examined the man and concluded that he had three several difficulties, and it would take six weeks to cure him. The patient said "Doctor I am not going to take medicine". Why did you send for me? It was my people who sent you to me, and you have stated the trouble. The next morning the sick man arose and went about his work as usual.

(I quote this as I remember it).



The people were mystified, the doctor set it at rest by his professional skill and knowledge.

Besides this, I have a member of my own family who has been healed through the anointing at Rev A. P. Simpson's Tabernacle. It goes to shew that where a person will take Christ to be healer of the body, as well as the Saviour of the soul, He will honor the confidence so placed.

Now, I repeat that I am not prescribing nor fault finding, I am trying to clear the subject of its misconceptions which has overshadowed it. You will, I am sure, so understand me, and will accept this in that spirit.

How much it is wished that the Church as a whole, would arise from the dust of popular opinion, although it is RELIGIOUS, and give Christ the opportunity to display His power ~~to~~ in healing as well as saving.

Possibly you may not agree with me, but I feel greatly relieved in having spoken. May our Lord be glorified and honored in the attempt to glorify Him.

With sincerest regard and affection.

I am, faithfully yours.

*W. A. Weeks.*

Wells, Amos R.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
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Dear Mr. Speer:

I am delighted to have your strong and effective article on public speaking. It is one of the best articles on the subject I have ever read, and it will be a great help to all our young men and young women in their Christian Endeavor work, and, for that matter, on every occasion when they have to address assemblies. I enclose a check for the sum named in my letter asking for the article.

Very cordially yours,

*Amos R. Wells.*

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New York,.....August.....3d,.....1898.

To the Brethren of the Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in Persia,  
India, Siam, China, Japan and Korea.

Dear Brethren:-

In response to the desire often expressed by many of you for a visit from some representative of the Board to study with you on the field the perplexing problems of missionary work, and in accordance with our own convictions of the importance of such a measure, we have sent our brother, Robert E. Speer, to spend a few months in your several fields, that he may in conference with you and by personal observation become the better acquainted with the conditions which confront you. It is on the mission field that most of the problems now demanding careful study arise, and they must be studied on the field. At the same time it is clear that the home administration, from its peculiar relation to all the many fields alike, as well as to the churches at home, should be able to contribute something of value to such study. It is of the greatest importance, therefore, to maintain always the clearest understanding and the most cordial mutual confidence between the officers and the members of the Board at home and the various representatives of the work on the field.

Mr. Speer carries to you our affectionate greetings, and we are sure we can commend him to your confidence. We desire him to make

in our behalf a yet more special study of mission problems, and we know he will be open to all new impressions and views.

The Board recognizes with great warmth of feeling the earnestness and fidelity with which the Missions under its care are prosecuting the vast enterprise committed to their charge as the agents of our Church, but above all the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. They cannot but put a high estimate on the results which, through the blessing of God's Spirit, have attended your labors, accompanied with many and large sacrifices for Christ's sake. Your reports are ever read with joy and gratitude over your successes and encouragements, and with genuine sympathy with you in the trials and discouragements which often grieve you and retard the progress of the work. The presence of some of your number, from time to time, among us, is a source of great help and inspiration to us and to our churches.

We are meanwhile alive to the gravity of the momentous questions which in nearly every field, in one form or another, press upon your attention. Probably never was there a period when the leaders of thought in the whole Church of Christ were giving more time to the study of these questions, especially to the principles which should underlie and shape the Foreign Mission policy of the Church. It is not too much to say that the mission-conscience of the Church is hardly satisfied with the results thus far attained from its endeavors in this branch of work for Christ, nor wholly at ease as to whether its methods in this service are the most efficient possible. Would that it were

more alive to its obligations for the more rapid evangelization of all the nations!

The very progress of missionary work, the changing conditions of the nations, political and social, the stern resistance that arises in some quarters to the forward movement of the Gospel, as from the faiths of Islam and Confucianism, as well as the financial problems at home,- all are demanding of us a closer study of foundation questions and a more earnest search for the best methods for carrying on this great work to a victorious end as promised by our divine Captain. We seem to have reached a new stage in the history of Missions. We must all appreciate the truth of the statement made by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Anglican Missionary Conference held in London in 1894: "The scientific study of Missions is a thing which is beginning, and could only begin not merely after certain ideas had come to be held by the minds of a few great thinkers, but after people in general had got some idea of the philosophy of history. Then, and not till then, could there possibly arise any idea of the scientific study of Missions." And he further remarks: "Luther said that there never was any remarkable revolution made by the Word of God unless He had prepared the way by the revival and flourishing of languages and literature as so many precursors." To which the Archbishop adds: "That is true, and exactly the converse is true, that when there has been a great advance in the knowledge of languages and literature and science, throwing new ideas into the minds of many people, there takes place first of all a

boiling, a kind of whirlpool. People fear that what is best is coming to an end, and just then out shoots a clear stream, stronger and broader than ever."

We are happy to recognize the important contributions which your respective Missions have made to a better understanding of missionary opportunity and duty. The little book of Dr. Nevius of the Shantung Mission, on Self-support, has strongly affected sentiment and policy in many Missions of our own and other Churches. The Conferences at Shanghai, Madras and Hamadan, in which some of you participated, are land-marks in the development of the Church of Christ in China, India and Persia, worthy of the highest commendation. The one at Hamadan, more limited in its sphere of influence, perhaps, was the most thorough and exhaustive study of any mission field which has come under our notice. We were much impressed with the candor exhibited in the papers read and the discussions which followed. We cannot refrain from quoting a passage in the paper from Dr. Holmes, which shows how alive some of our missionaries are to dangers which surround them. "There are always so many demands made upon the missionary's time and strength, and so many appeals to his sympathies in various directions, that he feels compelled, in order to avoid frittering away his opportunities, to limit himself to definite lines of labor, leaving vastly more outside than is included in their limits, and trying to do well and faithfully the work which, as he believes, Divine Providence has laid it upon him to do. But it is quite possible to become so absorbed in the

specific duty which lies nearest us, that we may grow oblivious of tendencies, insidious at first, but which if left unchecked may render nugatory much of the work upon which we have so faithfully toiled. In spiritual matters no less than in the realm of nature, there is an inherent disposition to follow the lines of ~~the~~ least resistance. . . . . It will do us no harm to put some questions to ourselves as stewards of the bounty which God has given us to administer. . . . . In view of the magnitude of our force, and of the expense of our plant, and of our annual expenditure, are we accomplishing what we might reasonably be expected to accomplish in the work of evangelization?" Investigations conducted in such a spirit of humble, earnest inquiry, better to understand the leading of God's Providence and Spirit, cannot but result in large divine blessing to all the missionary interests on the field and to the Board and churches at home.

It may not be necessary to specify the many and various problems which are likely to claim attention on such a visit as this of Mr. Speer's. But there are two or three in particular which have such an immediate and pressing importance upon the development of Christ's kingdom in the lands where you minister in His name, that it is fitting we make special reference to them.

The first concerns the proper place of education with reference to the other departments of missionary activity, and especially with reference to direct evangelism. What is the proper ratio of appropriations for these different departments? What the proper limits

of grade in the education offered, etc? Questions more engrossing in some fields than others, but hardly to be avoided anywhere. Any light toward the wise treatment of this subject that may come from conferences with brethren on the field we shall greatly value.

Another and still more urgent problem is of the organization of a self-reliant, self-supporting, self-propagating Native Church, as an essential factor in the redemption of the nations of the earth unto our Lord Jesus Christ. All missionary records recognize the truth that a Mission is not to be regarded as a permanent thing in itself, but a temporary means towards the establishment of the Native Church, that the Native Church ought not to be trained to continued dependence on the Mission, but as rapidly as possible led to stand alone, with an ever-increasing sense of its responsibility to our Lord Christ and to the unevangelized heathen beyond, to give to them also the Gospel. It cannot be claimed, however, that our Boards and Missionary Societies have always succeeded in conforming their practice to this principle. Some even ask us, "Can not the Native Church be established on a basis requiring at the outset less dependence?" We are looking with anxious expectation for more light on these questions, and are hopeful of gaining light from the present visit. And there will be other matters of grave importance which you will wish to bring to Mr. Speer's attention.

We commend our brother and Mrs. Speer to your affectionate confidence. We anticipate for you the most delightful spiritual inter-



course. You will take counsel together, pray together, labor together for a little while, in close communion we must believe, with Christ our common Lord, through His Holy Spirit ministering unto your hearts and understanding. It will be his privilege to sit with you in your Mission conferences, to worship with you in your churches, and not least, to come into fraternal intercourse with the brethren and sisters of the same faith with ourselves, whom God has redeemed out of the respective nations where you dwell. So far as the time allows, he will share your trials and hopes and fears. If our Lord mercifully spares and returns him, he will bring back to us fresher and clearer impressions of your work and warfare. He bears from us and from the great Church which we represent, the assurance of our love and sympathy with you all, our great confidence in you as individuals and as Missions, and our constant prayer that the Lord will sustain you in your trials, deliver you from all peril, strengthen you for every labor, bless you always with a sense of His presence and favor, and satisfy the desire of your heart. And may His Kingdom soon be established in all the earth, and all His faithful servants reign together with Him!

In behalf of the Board,

*John D. Wells*

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MR. SPEER.

Berkeley, July 23, 1906.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I count absolutely upon you for our University Meeting of Friday, October nineteenth. At this meeting, which occurs every fortnight, all the students and faculty are assembled; men sing and cheer; the leaders of student organizations make reports and announcements and somebody speaks in offhand style or any other style, provided it is his own, to the assembled throng. No other opportunity afforded by student gatherings is so great as this. You must put everything aside in order to meet this particular appointment. If you speak under the auspices of the Christian Association, you will not have one-tenth as many to hear you, and you will not reach the fellows who are worth while, i. e., the publicans and sinners.

Very sincerely yours,

Benj. I. Wheeler.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
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Wheeler, H. E.

Montevallo, Alabama.

March 11, 1907.

Mr. Robert E. Speer.  
Student Volunteer Movement,  
3 West 29 St., New York.

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MR. SPEER.

Dear Mr. Speer:

If I shall not take more than a moment of your time, I will appreciate your giving me the name and issue of the publication referred to in your book "How to Deal with Temptation" p. 7, in which occurs the address "The Perils of the Forgiven Life".

Let me here thank you for the spiritual help which I have always gotten from your books. I study them, and preach them, and circulate them.

Sincerely yours.

H. E. Wheeler

Pastor. M. E. Church, South,  
Montevallo, Alabama.

Dr as home attached

White, J. M.

Thursday Evening.

NOV 17 1906

MR. SPEER.

W. R. E. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer.

Your very kind note did not reach me until just the other day - two days ago.

I do so very much appreciate your dear, generous soul to thus give a thought to me. I hope your trip across the Country proved a very satisfactory and happy one in every way. Your note from Philadelphia reached me in due time.

Since last I had the pleasure of a talk with you I have taken ad-

My full salary at W. H. Co. was but  
forty dollars per month - while here  
my salary is fifty dollars per month  
with Board lodging & laundry free.  
So I have much indeed to be grateful  
for.

We are only forty minutes by Rail  
from New York - while the Street Cars  
also reach here daily.

I should so much like to take  
lunch with you - but it cannot  
be just yet. Let me assure  
you that the Superintendent (Mrs  
M. R. Jordan) would be most pleased  
to have you pay us a visit here &  
take lunch any day you appoint

by Telephone. What a genuine pleasure  
it would be for us to have you visit us!

I assure you we should all appreciate  
it.

It is quite probable that I shall  
be able to visit the City next week  
- when I hope (if not before) to see you  
have a heart to heart talk with you.

I am still standing alone - having not  
selected a particular Church. I feel the  
need of doing so very much - & am  
anxious to have the question settled ere  
very long. Lately I have been looking  
favorably towards the Congregational Church  
with the prevailing idea that its broad arms  
would be the safest refuge for me.

I do long to have a chat with you.

In the meantime permit me to

Remain very truly yours  
J. M. White.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1906.

vantage of a favorable opportunity  
& better existing circumstances.

Mr. Saigen, the Y.M.C.A. Secretary,  
secured this present position for me.

This is an institution for truant &  
destitute boys, & is conducted on  
broad & generous lines. I have full  
charge of the boys - having two other  
male assistants to help me out.

I terminated my engagement  
at Weil-Haskell Co. to come here  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Just at that  
time I was very much run down  
& threatened with pneumonia - hence  
I look upon this change as the  
sweet interment of a loving Providence.

J. M. White,

Boys Temporary Home,  
White Plains,

Telephone, 107 White Plains

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MR. SPEER.

White, J.M.  
White Plains, N.Y.

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> '07.

Mr. Robert E. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer: Your long looked for letter gave me very much pleasure indeed. And I thank you for your kind Xmas wishes as well as for your invitation to dine with you. I trust the Xmas Season proved a happy one for yourself & your friends - & I sincerely pray that the ensuing year will prove a very happy one for you & yours.

It would have been a very great pleasure for me to have been with you on Xmas Day - were it not that I was compelled to keep on duty all the time - regardless of what day it was.

Within the past few <sup>weeks</sup> ~~months~~ I have been trying to arrange a suitable & convenient occasion for my reception into the M.E. Church. On two occasions I have been obliged to postpone the Ceremony owing to our being short-handed here.

However, I hope to have no hindrance to my reception on Sunday week at the Metropolitan Temple, New York.

I intend being received on probation without any publicity - & then, at the conclusion of probation, to be accepted ~~publicly~~ without regard to what others may do or do. I think this is the better course under the circumstances - & I trust you will approve of it.

I sincerely hope that my determination along these lines shall not, in the smallest way, lessen the great consideration & interest you have so kindly evinced in me. I have attended the Presbyterian Church here several times & I know a few members - those who are connected with the Home.

Let me say that I would esteem it a very great kindness if you were to have me made acquainted with some of your White Plains friends. I assume you that any of your acquaintances will be made cordially welcome at the W. J. Home - especially by myself.

Do, please, ask some of these kind friends to introduce themselves at any time convenient to themselves.

I had the pleasure, some few weeks since, of hearing one of your Ministers speaking on his work in China Japan - at the Church here in White Plains. I was surprised at the extent of the work as outlined by him. He spoke of their hopes of completing all universes if there within a few years.

I hope you are personally very well - that you are meeting all the success your unselfish efforts deserve. Dear, very truly yours,

~~White Plains~~ Westchester Seminary Home,  
White Plains, N.Y.

J. M. White.

It is a serious drawback in my present position that I am never off duty - day & night the responsibility is with me. Occasionally I get a day off - that is usual on Sunday.

Since I wrote you last time I have thought of you often & wished I could have a conversation with you. Mr. Saigen, Secretary (at 23<sup>rd</sup> St.) of the Y.M.C.A. has been a very great help to me in every way - she has been urging me to seek peace in some definite fold. I have been trying to decide on a course along this line. At times different churches have appealed to me, but the Methodist Church has, probably, held the most attraction for me. The broadness of the Unitarianist lured me on for a time - but I fear the dangers of becoming too broad etc..

In the Methodist Epis. Church I shall not be far removed from the Presbyterian - of which my brother is a member. I understand that there is but a small step between the two.

White, Stanley

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Aug 12<sup>d</sup> 1906.

Dr. Halsey.

Dear Dr. Halsey,

Spencer has had  
a tremendous strain -  
Could be noted he  
forced out of work  
until the end of September.

I just write this  
so that you will know  
how one member of

The Board would feel  
if the Executive Committee  
should take this action.

I know what such  
action meant to me  
two years ago -

Yours sincerely

Stanley White

Aug 15, 1906

The "Executive Committee" (the  
myself) herewith "takes  
this action". Will R. E. S. please  
act accordingly  
cover J. W. H.

all goes well. A very  
gentlemanly appearing  
young fellow came in  
the office to-day and  
~~handed~~ handed to Mr. Kaynor  
\$500.<sup>00</sup> in bills. He simply  
said "This is for the  
Presbyterian Board  
of Foreign Missions."  
He had probably heard  
one of your speeches -

A. W. H.

Whitman, Malcolm D.

12-20-71

115 East 60<sup>th</sup> St

Dear Mr Speer

You & Mrs Speer have always  
been an inspiration. to Janet  
I went to your place in Englewood  
in the early days with Janet  
you both stand to me for  
what is beautiful in human  
relationship & for these  
reasons your letter is  
a great comfort. If I can  
so order my life to  
remain worthy of Janet's  
wonderful example, if

Jean bring up the children  
so that she will smile  
down upon me life  
will still have much in  
store — I pray for wisdom  
& strength for these things  
for thoughts & words  
of his speech will always  
help me. Think of me  
therefore when you can that  
I may have strength.

Your sincere friend

Malcolm D. Whitman

December twentieth



Where is the limit of fact in full loyalty to  
the truth. Other - Chapman

The principle of conservation  
as to people -  
None as day civil.

The control of the mind  
Dange - Impudence  
being the other part of view.  
Even just & impud, a distinct - a very view

The principle and limitation of newspaper  
Even can be considered  
Even demand rights.  
Even allow other to do for in what we can do  
for ourselves  
Even no printed - reputation or as a result

How can we secure freedom for the press without  
big power to see our right - get without big  
power to condemn what we only want to let alone  
to go to any or we go over.  
Organize - Press Board - Boston

What has been done so much as to believe them -  
The rights of the press - 1870

COPY

New York, October 8th, 1906.

My dear mother:-

I am sending you today some copies of the poem "Cricket" which I think you will find corrected and copied carefully. If, however, you should find it necessary to correct further, I will be only too glad to have them re-written at once.

I am very tired, very much worn out. I am passing through an experience of the heart, if you can grasp my meaning, and it has and is playing sad havoc with me. The fact is, that business is so rotten, and opportunities look so far away, that I am discouraged. When I speak of a matter of the heart, I mean that the fulfillment of my dreams appear to be slim. I am tired of the struggle of existence, tired of the grind and monotony and I am very lonely. What I need, I think, is a circle of your friends that are nice people; young people who are will be a help to me. My evenings and nights are the harest to pass. During the day I am with business friends, but they pass with the day and when night comes I find that I am exceedingly lonely, It is easy enough to get acquainted with the wrong kind, and next to impossible to get acquainted with the kind that will be profitable. What I need is some influence, letters of introduction to people who can benefit me. I am a member of no club, a pity, and the churches do not afford opportunities as you would naturally suppose, and as is characteristic of the Boston churches and those in smaller towns. In a city, like New York, even in the churches, you never see the same faces twice - we are all strangers. Somohow the N.Y. churches lack that cordiality and welcome that your Boston churches have. And I am so tired of it all and so utterly lonely. You rarely hear me complain, but at times I almost perish, and I feel as if I must fly to you, place my head on your shoulder, feel your dear arms about my neck while I cry it out as I used to do when a small boy. I know that you are so sad and broubled yourself, that I rarely have the courage to add more woe, but today I feel as if I couldn't endure it longer. I detest New York and its lonely life. I am tired of the struggle in business that brings scarcely any reward. Sometimes I go without food, sometimes I suffer dreadfully. There is no one that cares, no one to go to for encouragement. One must fight along, or drop out and let somebody else it. One may die in the morning and by night those closest around won't recall the fact. It is a cold blooded, heart-breaking life to be in New York and in business without influence, letters of introduction and a crowd of jolly friends about you. I have not laughed actually in months. I get morbid, and unnatural and old and at times I feel as if I were surely going mad. Because what is it all going to lead to and amount to finally. I am at an age where I should have some find girl's love to help me, some fine girl's admiration and respect. I need it. I can get thousands of girls who amount to nothing, but I want none of them. You cannot meet fine people unless you have an entree, and I have none. I have fought out my business acquaintances, but it is different with my social side, for I have none. Each night finds me in my room absolutely alone, no sound of music, laughter or anything else. I sit there until bed time studying and writing and then sadly retire. I have not been to a theatre since spring. My only consolation is my pipe and that cannot talk to me. And I am worn out and tired out and sick. Forgive me for telling you all this, but when I stop to think of what I am missing and what others are enjoying it breaks my heart. I see no beauty in the fall weather; all seasons are alike in a city like New York.

Is there anything I can do to change things; what may I, without money or influence do to alter conditions? Don't mention the Y.M.C.A. It is a big heartless barn here, where you see boys one night and never again. They come and go and that is the end of it. Is there any nice people here that you know to whom I could carry a letter of introduction and through them meet people and have good times too? Why I am getting old and ugly and soured and worn out. Has life no better to offer a boy like me with his ambitions, sympathetic nature and yearnings, and if so - what?

your devoted boy Ralph

Seymour, Mass. - Oct, 9<sup>th</sup> 1896  
Gen. Charles Speer - <sup>Oct 11/96</sup> <sup>10/16</sup>

My dear Sir -  
Whitney, Cornelia F. One

year ago, I spent a part  
of a summer at the East  
Northfield House - in North  
field Mass.

I attended the meetings  
there, and did my three young  
children whom I had with  
me - The two eldest  
were young girls - the other  
a boy - Several at the  
house were especially won  
by the Princesity, and at the  
same time, <sup>the</sup> rather somewhat  
seriousness of this day,  
among whom was a Mrs.

4. To lose sight of Him for a moment.  
The crowning grief (after losing  
three children, a well husband and home  
and property) was the acute nervous  
prostration that befell this brilliant boy  
- causing him to give up study - and  
be a victim to acute St. Vitus dance  
for a period of years.

Exposure (mental) has been the result  
but during it all, this child's intellect  
(never impaired -) left to his own ac-  
-commodations, he has, in course of time, been  
able to master law studies, and to  
be admitted to the practice of law - and  
also serve as a Prothonotary and a Commissioner  
of deeds. He went to N. Y. & by  
his fortune - single handed & alone.

• Dorcas, her and two daughters  
from Brooklyn N.Y.

I have never met them  
since then, but they all felt  
badly to part with this child,  
when he left for home -

I remember you, and the  
Spalnic's Retreat, at (Voluntar)  
for the mission field, one  
afternoon; the large number  
instructing after one of your ad-  
dresses, almost startling us.

It seemed a pentecostal  
meeting. I think you were  
also raised at that one meeting  
for this same cause.

I speak of these details, by  
way of introduction, mind, &  
the dear boy, whom you once  
you have forgotten, even if you  
ever really knew him as a child  
- that summer - (over)

I was in affluent circumstances,  
Stamens when I went there,  
and for years after, (when death  
suddenly called the dear husband  
and father, and his "Life and Co."  
failed at about the same  
time, and stroke after stroke  
followed me, until I felt as  
if I was one singled out by  
God to bear not only chastisement  
for <sup>as</sup> much that I must have  
been ignorant as (by way of sin)  
as what sins I could recall!  
(and thus must seem to be  
so venial after all!) but it  
seemed too as if I was bearing  
chastisement for others' sins too  
that I had no hand in. (A  
new morbid Hall's Disease,  
but triumphed over, after many  
attacks had occurred, by that  
living faith that keeps one very  
near to God, and makes me free  
(only)

2<sup>d</sup> He has succeeded to the  
extent mentioned; but I have  
taken the liberty to enclose here  
a letter received from him this  
morning, that has so warmed  
my heart, & I think it will  
portray far more eloquently to  
you his true position, than  
any thing can, that I may say.

He is not a Christian - He  
has been in a Baptist Church  
for prayers, and believed at  
one time he had taken the  
sure steps towards a religious  
life. A Baptist minister  
at this time, (while <sup>he was</sup> seeking the  
way) suggested the propriety  
of theatre going as a means  
of education, as well as pleasure  
& also "cards" for home enter-  
tainment. The result was  
an impulsive, unformed

Mind's health, was death  
to all seriousness - and since  
that time he has sought  
theatricals at times, meeting unwisely  
companions. I fear -

He is the sensible of my eye -  
My last son of three - and  
before his birth God, I course -  
crated this child to God's service -  
and have ever believed he would  
yet be a true Christian Worker.

Prayer has never failed -  
I wish has not failed. I have  
laid him on the Altar and there  
I must leave him. It is all  
I can do.

He is a true  
Worker, and oh, if he could  
only become a Christian, and  
could find true, helpful asso-  
ciates, who would aid in  
leading him upward, what  
a jewel he may yet be in the  
Kingdoms of glory!



He stood at the 'parting  
of the ways' when this unfor-  
tunate influence decided him  
to try the pleasures of theatres,  
for a while, and - however -  
factious - churches, & friends,  
less, with no money, and  
only a bright mind to fall back  
on, with high ideas, and  
yet, led, too unreasonably, in  
some way that he might  
have sunk himself, if the dear  
'home influence' had been at  
him, (who can wonder that  
he writes me as he has this week,  
and who can wonder that  
my own heart is crushed too,  
and that I am led to heed  
the suggestion that God, I think,  
makes to me, to tell you (the 'friend  
of young men') about this  
25-year old son? and ask  
you to go & see him! for his

Father's sake - his feeble mother  
and for Jesus' sake - and  
ask him to go to your church -  
and attend the meetings for  
the young. That shall take  
his mind off from "pipes" -  
and Sollicies - and lead him to  
a new life in Christ Jesus!

I believe this will be the only  
come of meeting you - Dorothy  
tells me to "apply to you" - and she  
- Ralph was raised by Christian  
parents in a Christian home -  
His father was Cash? or was  
of Boston's Congregational bank - and  
used to go from his office to the  
sea shore crowds, to tell them  
"what the Holy Spirit did for  
business men."

This boy is still, as you will see,  
very nervous - but it is leaving  
him. If his "pipe" could vanish  
God would heal the nervousness -  
His address is, Ralph H. S. Oriskany,  
No. 14, West 60th St. - New York City.

3<sup>d</sup>. I know you will deal  
discreetly, and quietly, with  
this matter, and with these  
two letters - I would wish  
today I would ask a dear  
person of influence to talk  
with him - and help him  
to other associations than  
those around him -

I know you will try and  
see him - for he is in a perilous  
state in that big city alone.

If Christ will he might  
be captured by him, he will  
yet be a zealous worker in  
His service -

You will understand my  
plea - I know -

I am very gratefully  
yours -

Camelia S. Whitney,  
Mrs. E. C. Whitney  
Lyngton (Mass.)

Please return the boy's letter.

Oct 20/6. returned

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W. SPEER.

Miss Mahel Everett

Dear Friend -

Your letter, in response to one from me to Mr. Speer, was duly received. For which I thank you. I have rec'd a letter from my son, asking for an introduction to Mr. Speer. Accordingly, I have sent him a letter, addressed to Mr. Speer, which he will present, on the latter's return from his journey.

I think I must ask  
you to return the letter  
of my son's to me - which  
was truly not designed  
for any other eye than his  
brother's - and yet, knowing  
Mr. Speer's sympathetic  
"reading of young men's  
needs," spiritually, I felt  
led to send him the same.

It is eminently a 'home'  
letter - and it impresses me  
now that I better receive  
the note back again -

I think if you have  
read it, you can tell him  
the pith of the contents -  
But it is quite a little time  
now, before Mr. Speer's return  
and I think it best that  
the letter should now

Stay when I can refer  
to it, if necessary.

Very respectfully,

Cornelia F. Whitney

Please address -

Mrs. E. C. Whitney -

Longfellow Mass -

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Please Address Mrs. E. C. Whitney  
Cornelia

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Dear Mr. Speer.

I thank you for  
your response to my  
appeal of you, in behalf  
of my son -

I have not seen the  
car for nearly a year -  
and I know about him  
only as he writes me -

He is manly hearted and  
tenderly fond of me, his  
only living parent -

Best letters have lately



Shows me a depth-  
of depression that troubles  
me.

I trust his character  
is a good one - I beg you  
to help him upward -

He will I hope be led  
to his Savior through your  
help - I have prayers  
that good to him in  
this (may) may come  
under the guidance &  
direction of the Holy Spirit.

He is my all - and I  
beg that he may be led  
to make the very best use  
of his life -

*my friend to you*

I think it best that the  
passionate out-pouring of  
his heart, & me, should be  
sent to you to read! that you  
may judge of his spiritual  
needs - It is boyish,  
and yet grieves me -

I know of no one to  
break it to you (in N.Y.)  
and change to say, a lady  
(not knowing I had written  
you) brought me a few days  
since some sermons of your  
of "prayer" in the August  
of the Northfield meeting  
and to read! I told her I  
had just written you in behalf  
of my boy -

God hasten his conversion,  
by my constant prayer -  
Believe it is to come - soon -  
Yours in Christ (M.) Cordelia Whitman

Ralph writes me as follows  
" I am so awfully lonely,  
" even the churches lack  
" cordiality and welcome -  
" I am so tired of it all,  
" and so intensely lonely -

" " To never hear me com-  
" plain but at times I almost  
" perish - and feel that I must  
" fly to you - Place my head  
" on your shoulder, put your  
" arm about me, while I cry  
" it out - as I used to when  
" a small boy. " "

" " I feel as if I could  
" not endure this longer -

" " I am tired of this struggle  
" in London - that brings  
" search and sorrow -

One may die in the morning  
and by night those nearest

Three persons will not  
recall the fact. I get more  
and more. I feel as if I was  
dumb, going mad. "

" " What is all going ahead  
w-? and around it, finally?

" " I forgive me - but how shall  
I change matters? Don't  
mention the Y.M.C.A! It is  
a big beautiful barn - where  
you see boys one night & news  
again - they come & go (etc.  
etc.)

- This boy must be saved  
and if he is not a good  
boy, I must know it -  
He has had training enough,

Pardon me - I am  
in writing - I believe it is of the  
Spirit -

Whitney, Cornelia F.

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Washington March 24<sup>th</sup> 1907.

DEAR Mr. Spurr

My son valued  
your great kindness  
to him most deeply.

I wrote you soon  
after he acquainted  
me with the beautiful  
attention you gave  
him, a heart-felt letter,  
which I do hope you  
received -

That was some  
time ago - His meeting  
you was a direct answer  
to prayer, for I certainly  
was led to appeal to you,

-Although a stranger -  
and ask the very  
mural help at your  
hands, that I did. As  
I knew of no one else  
in New York, and your  
name is a house hold  
one, with several mem-  
bers of our praying circle.

And too, we have read  
your contributions to the  
Record a Christian Work  
published at Northfield,  
which we have subscribed

for -

My son's letter ad-  
dress is 14, West 60<sup>th</sup>  
St. He has a believe,  
taken another room as  
he was in arrears for

cent, and left there  
deeply depressed. Such  
as he says, in perfect  
harmony with the woman  
he lodged with, (who  
(though I have never  
seen her,) he says is most  
kind to him -

I know nothing of  
the locality he has been  
so long in. He has been  
a close student, by himself  
and requiring a hard ex-  
ercision. (A homeless, but  
a very affectionate soul)

His extreme loneliness  
and depression alarmed  
me; and fearing he might  
fall in with unwise  
associates I appealed  
to you, with the blessed  
results that followed -

His tendency to 'argue'  
(and to take distorted  
views of religious) has  
wounded me very much,  
and prayers for his  
conversion are constantly  
ascending -

He has been written  
to in many 'meekly' letters  
by me, "to reply to my  
question" relative to  
"going to see you since  
your kind invitation to  
him to do so -

He wrote me in his  
last letter (this week  
received) that he had  
called two or three times,  
and you were out -  
I am so grateful



To you for all you  
have said and done,  
That if you are not  
disheartened in your  
efforts at soul winning  
(in his case,) I pray  
you to continue in  
prayer for him. for  
he will come into the  
Kingdom yet - (altho'  
as I wrote you in my  
last, "precious time is  
being so demanded"  
when there is so much  
for a young man to  
do there says, that my  
faith is sometimes

tried) -

God reward your  
interest in him -

He writes me gratefully  
of your conversation with  
him - And be assured that  
I cannot imagine your  
"speaking unguardedly,"  
(after all he has so fully  
tried me of your kindness)

The 'novelty' of his  
views is such a cross to  
me to bear, that sometimes  
I find it insupportable  
to hear it - He must be saved  
though - He must work  
for God too -

I venture to enclose his  
last letter - please destroy  
it - It is proud & spiritless, but  
it is right to send it - (pardon  
the liberty -) Sincerely yours  
(Mrs) Cornelia F. Whitney

Standard Oil Company of New York

Specialty Department

666 Hudson St. corner 13<sup>th</sup>

W. J. Calkins  
Manager.

New York,

but he was away, out of town,

Now I must stop and go on with my work. With  
all my love, I am

Your devoted boy,

Ralph.

Standard Oil Company of New York

Specialty Department  
666 Hudson St. corner 13<sup>th</sup>

W. J. Balkins  
Manager.

New York, 3/22/07.

My dearest mother:

~~I have not heard from you since so long that, even if you were here, I would not be able to hear you, and I think I am not doing anything to help you, and I am not doing anything to help you, and I am not doing anything to help you.~~

You will note from the above that I am working for the above company, that is, they engaged me to work Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week merely, for \$8.00. This will be the first cent I have earned for three weeks, and what I have gone through, passed through etc., is too terrible to repeat. There has been nothing doing in my law work, business has been rotten in the extreme, and I have come very near going under many times. This little three day job will about save my life. Yesterday, for instance, I ate nothing all day because I did'nt have a cent left. I am not telling you these things to trouble you, neither do I want sympathy or pity. I came to New York to study law, to get up in my law, to become successful. I have stood for everything, endured everything, given up things, almost died many times etc. just merely because I was determined to win at LAW. Finally I did win so far as learning went. In these days of trial, I find it very hard indeed to smile and be happy, though I do smile and I do try to be as happy as it is possible. My rent at 14 West 60th Street was so long due,

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that I found I could stand the strain no longer. The landlady was a jewel to me, even as she always has been, because she knew that I was HONEST, she knew that I WOULD pay her when I could. I went to her last week and told her I was going to move because I could'nt stand even that amount of rent, nor could I longer let it pile up. She felt very badly about it, because she liked me and would do anything for me, but I insisted, and so just packed a grip full of little things and went to a friend's room, a Mr. Beck, where I now am until such time as I can get a little money ahead and hire a room, or, return to 14 West 60th Street.

~~I am writing you all this because you are the only one who has been so kind to me and I have not been able to get any other work since I have come to New York.~~

I have succeeded remarkably in certain lines, but earning money is a terrible game, whether it be in Boston or in New York, or anywhere. I have not wanted to return to a stenographer's position after my struggles, and I ~~have not been able to get any other work since I have come to New York and~~ have gone hungry and cold and discouraged just to hold out and win.

But I can't hold out longer I guess. Positions in New York are not as thick and as many as one might think; they are hard to get, and when you do get one there is little or no money paid, simply because there are so very many stenographers on the market. As for getting a clerkship in some office,

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I would not do that, because, in the first place, I know very little about book-keeping, or other duties of a clerk, and in the second place such a position pays smaller salaries than even a stenographer can command. I came here to the above firm because I knew a man here whom I did a little legal work for and asked him to keep me busy for a few days as I was "broke". I said it laughingly to him so he would think nothing, and he said I was just in time for his stenographer was ill this week and if I wanted to do so I could fill in until the stenographer returned.

I do not want you to worry about me, nor do I want you to feel badly, for just as surely as there is a sun in the sky, just so surely will I succeed sooner or later. You must not tell anybody that I am hard pressed or not doing very well, etc. because I don't want anybody to know it.

You may continue sending your mail to me at 14 West 60th Street as before. I will call and get it there. I shall probably return to live there as soon as I can get a little money but I couldn't pile up rent there when nothing was coming in. You are in my prayers every day and at night (for I do pray) and you have all my love.

No, I have not seen Mr. Speer since. I called twice

Whitney, Cornelia

Bedford St. Lexington Mass.  
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MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr. Speer -

I cannot express  
from thanking you for  
your very generous, kind  
attention to me -

If his dear father was here  
you would receive from him  
a very prompt and grateful  
recognition of your kindness.  
Perhaps he knows all about  
it in his heavenly home -

One cannot tell, but one knows



There is joy in heaven when  
a new name is recorded there,  
- And if a fresh addition  
to the ranks of Earthly Volunteers  
to Christ's Service, is known and  
gloried over there, possibly  
Christian efforts for those  
regions, even before they are  
committed, are permitted to  
gladden the waiting ones  
above - too. So I often feel  
a thrill of joy, thinking that  
perhaps my dear Mother  
(so saintly on Earth), and the  
father who must have shone,

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Mr. Speer -

Since writing the enclosed letter, I have been very seriously ill - Hence the delay in forwarding it - I must have felt sick when I wrote it! - Else I should not have expressed myself perhaps just in the way I did -

As it comes from the heart, however, I'll push it along -

I feel that there is so much for a young man

to do in the world just at  
this time, for Christ, that I fear  
Rueph's life is being fearfully  
gritted away on theatrics,  
and smoking - & but no  
inordinate influence from  
me, can counteract these  
unfortunate agencies, at  
work in his life, patience  
prayer - true - leaving him  
on the Altar - Where I have  
placed his long ago, alone  
is my course now!

I ask 'united prayer' for one  
so very long ago wholly  
consecrated to God's Service.  
Yours in Him  
(Mrs.) Cornelia F. Whitney

Wilder, Robert P.

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Veldre, Norway  
Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> 1908.

My dear Speer—

Miss Schjøth - a Norwegian  
whom we know - says that your  
book "The Man Christ Jesus"  
is very much needed in this  
country. She wants to know  
if you would give her permis-  
sion to translate it into Nor-

regards to you & Mrs. Speer  
Yours affectionately  
Robert P. Wilder  
P. S. Of course  
My sister

has noticed that  
I am writing to you.

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It seems that before they sent in the letter of resignation. While waiting their letter of resignation to Mr. White they had been visiting for several days in Kolhapur, Miraj and Sangli. You know how the Settlement idea has been regarded by many in the Mission.

Whether the missionaries in the above named Stations suggested or merely approved of their resignation is not the main point.

The main point, it seems to me, is the manner in which they acted. Should they not have talked over matters with my sister before resigning? Should they not have given their reasons more in detail?

Of course my wife and I do not know all that lies behind

for further news we shall pray that God may guide my sister and the three ladies in this painful affair. We know your interest in the Village Settlement and trust you will be guided to do the right thing with reference to it when the subject comes before the Board.

as soon as Miss Rehentisch leaves the Village Settlement my wife and I wish to transfer our \$300 towards the support of another lady to take Miss Rehentisch's place in the Settlement.

This week we plan to sail for England. Please remember me in prayer as I begin the work of Evangelistic Secretary for the British Movement.

My wife joins me in kindest

wegian. She has been at the head of a school in Christiania for several years - has also been in America and England - so she knows both languages. She has already done some translation.

Today I have heard from my sister about the letter sent Aug. 19 by the Misses Ribentisch, Gauthier and Skilton to the Rev. Stanley White. Needless to say, my wife and I are greatly surprised and deeply pained. We were hoping that at last the Village Settlement would have a fair trial in a fair field.

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MR. SPEER

134 BROOME STREET

NEW YORK,

26 Nov 1907

My dear Mr. Speer,

To send the report letter is at hand,  
and gratefully so, tho I had, in no way, de-  
spared of hearing from you.

I believe we are convinced by the belief  
that it is important - you, needful,  
that the pastors of our Church meet  
monthly to pray for the work of Jesus  
in the foreign fields connected with our  
Board. That is needful  
in God's economy is possible. And I  
think it possible for every pastor to come  
to learn to claim God's promises for  
those out of the faith, and put God into  
debt to us because we ask. This ought  
to be done because it can be done.

With much love

Samuel J. Ford

Wm. J. Thiel

SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN  
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JOHN T. WILDS, PASTOR

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NEW YORK,

P.S.

When I closed the thro' Cause: Was  
a beautiful thing it would be; what a  
stimulus to everyone, & what a sure way  
of gaining ground for the dear Lord  
if the Pastors of all the Churches of our  
County met once a month - at stated times,  
the same, as far as possible, to this year  
end. Can the Spirit keep you descend-  
ing then? Will anything then stand in  
between? -

J. T. Wilds



Williams, C. Scott

The Mexico Mission  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

APARTADO 305. MEXICO CITY.

SEPTEMBER 25 1911

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

Mission Rooms, 156 Fifth Ave. New York City.

My dear Robert.

A letter came this morning addressed to the Mission signed by Mr. White in the absence of Mr. Halsey. In it is reported the action of the Board in accepting the resignation of Dr. Boyce. Dr. B. leaves Saltillo today for the Border and will be in Pittsburg by the time this reaches you.

The separation of this worker from our scanty and scattered force of workers has caused some of us great distress. We have gone over the situation repeatedly trying to devise in what way to hold together the broken strands and fill the gap which is made by the dropping out of our oldest and most experienced worker. I have finally decided for my part and entirely without the knowledge of any other member of the Mission except my wife to write you a confidential letter in order that the matter may go no further and my action do no harm if in your judgment nothing can be done.

I have not seen the correspondence which has passed between Dr. Halsey and Dr. Boyce. I do not pretend to be in a position even to express an opinion as to which was in the right, or which is to blame, but the separation of Dr. Boyce from the Mission has grown out of such personal difference. I have reason to know that at least three other members of the Mission, not counting myself, have felt that Dr. Halsey has not sustained the Mission and secured what was her due in the adjustment of matters which have come before the Board.

As long as Dr. Halsey is the correspondent for our Mission, there is no likelihood of getting Dr. Boyce to return to the Mission. If on account of the attitude of Dr. H., Miss Bonine resigns, as she has declared she will unless proper apologies are made, I fear greatly that another of the male missionaries will resign simply because he can see no outlook for the work under the present plan of administration. As you know very well, there is quite a lot of work which must be done which cannot be put upon a young missionary and which has been gradually piling up upon the older members of the mission who have been able to carry the load. With the loss of Boyce the burden seems intolerable and if the other one goes, I shall feel like going myself. You know we can't help feeling responsible. It is not the Board which pushes us, for we feel that the Board knows very little of what is going on in Mexico, but it is the work itself, the opportunity for service and the risk of blunders when left in inexperienced hands. There comes a time when the burden is too great to carry, and we simply have to say to the Board: "If you are not interested sufficiently in the conservation of the work already done in Mexico

to maintain the work in a condition of health, not to say progress, why, we who remain will get out from under rather than be buried under the ruins and be blamed for the downfall which is sure to come."

Just for example. How was it that when the board voted a ten percent increase for the entire field last year, (present fiscal year) Mexico received only a five percent increase? Why is it that while the work in Mexico is equal in importance to the combined stations of Guatemala, Columbia, Venezuela and Chile, we received out of the Kennedy fund but a little more than was granted for Guatemala alone?

We have had repeated promises from Dr. Halsey that he would visit the field and help us with his counsels. He has not been able to do so.

Would it not be possible to secure a readjustment of the Mission's correspondence so that some one else could represent us before the Board and relieve several of the members of a feeling of disconfidence and discouragement? If such a change could be brought about in the proper way I think it would be possible to get Dr. Boyce again on the ground as there is no doubt that his heart will always be in this work and there is no one more helpful than he, looking at his work from every side.

In this matter I have nothing to say of myself. I have nothing against Dr. Halsey. His personal letters to me have been very kind and cordial, and if I could be assured that the others are mistaken in accusing him of apathy in regard to the work of our Mission, I should have no reason at all for wanting a change. It is for this reason that I have dared to write to you, whom I trust as an old friend, believing that in some delicate way you can suggest that which will bring us all relief.

If in your opinion nothing can be done, you can simply write me and that will be the end of the matter as far as this correspondence is concerned. I have heard one of the missionaries make the remark that at the annual Mission Meeting, a request will be presented asking that the Board make the change in correspondent. I think that would be unwise if there was any other way of accomplishing the same result. I am sure that if the Board knew such request was unanimous it would be granted at once. I know that such a request would not be unanimous as the Mission has in it elements which are never in accord one with another, and it is on account of these differences that Dr. Halsey has been influenced as he has in his judgments.

As far as the work outside of the Mission itself is concerned, we are in a peculiar condition. The war and revolution has opened many doors and our workers are eager. We have a better spirit of unity than ever before between Missionaries and native workers, so that there is scarce a cloud on the horizon. But we are going to have famine prices, business standstill, and a great drop in self-support. Instead of retrenchment we ought to be pouring in new blood and reviving all the old. I am doing all I can on El Faro to stir up a revival, and the whole church is in a fine healthy condition in spite of the troublous times we have all been thru. I want to thank you again for the C.E. articles. They are very acceptable and widely read.

Very cordially

your old friend

Escott Williams

Old Shag Conger is splendid and doing magnificent work; he is very popular as he is a genuine worker.

Oct. 11th, 1911.

The Rev. C. Scott Williams,  
Apartado 305,  
Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear Scott,

Your letter of September 25th has been received, and I have read it with great interest, and, as you will believe, with no little distress at what you describe as the mind of the Mission on the subject of its correspondence with the Board. I am sure, however, that without meaning to do so at all, you are in danger of doing both Dr. Halsey and yourselves a real injustice, and I am glad to write on the basis of our old friendly confidence to you, so that you can be helpful to others in guiding them to a thoroughly just mind.

There is not a more enthusiastic and devoted supporter of the Mission work in general and of his own distinctive missionary responsibilities in particular than Dr. Halsey is. It is true that the Africa Mission has been having a unique history the last few years and the facts themselves have been a wonderful argument and appeal for the work in that field. Nevertheless, I think it owes a good part of the increased interest and support which it has received from the Board and from the Church to Dr. Halsey's efficacy. The facts in Mexico have been very different from those in Africa, but so far as they made it possible to do so, Dr. Halsey has supported the Mission and its claims in the most urgent and persistent way. He has not lost a single opportunity of pressing the need of men and women. In Miss Bonine he secured the appointment of one of the choicest candidates before the Board, and the new men who were assigned ranked among the best of the candidates. On the financial side he has stood by the Mission loyally. It is easy to see what ground the

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Mission would have for disappointment, because it has not received all that it thought it ought to have, but other Missions would have, in their own judgment, equal ground for complaint against Dr. Brown, Dr. White and myself. With regard to property, the Mexico Mission received more from the Kennedy Fund than Africa, Hunan and Western India, more than twice as much as Hainan, nearly four times as much as Central Brazil, more than three times as much as Colombia, and just about the same amount as South China, the Kiang-an Mission, Syria, or Siam. This, too, although not so many years ago the Mexico Mission received large gifts for new property from Mr. Converse, which were not paralleled in many of these other Missions. In proportion to the number of missionaries, few Missions fared as well in the amount of their property grant from the Kennedy Fund as Mexico.

As regards your appropriations for your regular work, I know that the Mission did not get as much as it asked for in the way of an advance, but it got all that it had received the preceding year, plus a substantial addition. That was not Dr. Halsey's fault at all. The appropriations were all gone over in Council carefully and the amount of advance given to each Mission was determined by joint judgment, in the earnest effort to avoid any inequity. The percentage given to Mexico was less than that given to some other Missions, but it was greater than that given to Syria, and Mexico and Syria received a smaller percentage than other Missions because the gross amount given to those Missions for their native work was already proportionately far in excess of that given to almost all the other Missions. Syria and Mexico have developed in the past a large amount of work drawing heavily upon the Board's appropriations. It was not felt that it would be fair to the other Missions, which had never been as amply supported as Mexico and Syria, to give to Mexico and Syria the full benefit of a percentage of increase which would have netted these Missions very much larger sums than the other Missions would have secured, whose needs are just as great, whose opportunities are not less attractive, but whose past appropri-

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ations have been less generous than those to Mexico and Syria and which would, accordingly, on an iron percentage basis, have suffered in the distribution.

As to the difficulty with regard to Dr. Boyce, I cannot speak as to details, and only know that if Dr. Boyce can find anywhere in the world a more charitable, patient, unselfish friend than he has in Dr. Halsey, I shall be surprised. What Dr. Halsey has written, I do not know. He has the frankest, most candidly outspoken way with him, but no one will misunderstand that who knows him. He is as true, sympathetic, tirelessly faithful a man and friend as is to be found in the whole world.

Possibly what some of your associates may have construed as criticism or apathy on his part has been merely an attempt to reflect the state of mind which anybody who attempts to advocate work in Latin American lands has to meet in the Church at home, as I know very well; but I think you will be doing a great service to the Mission and all its members if you will set their minds right with regard to any misapprehension on these points, which fail to appreciate the earnest support and advocacy which you have in your correspondent.

I know that the Mission has been earnest in its desire to have more visitations, but all the Missions feel the same way and Mexico has had more than almost any other Mission. As I think I told you when I was last with you, I believe it is better for Missions to work their own problems through and not to rely upon help from without in every time of crisis or perplexity.

I was not wholly unprepared to hear of Dr. Boyce's resignation. You may remember that many years ago he left the field, intending to remain in the United States, and although he subsequently went back, there have been many times since when he has planned to come back to the United States to take up work here. The death of Mrs. Boyce and his feeling of responsibility toward his daughters have, of course, been influences that would confirm this oft recurring purpose, which I am glad he was able to lay aside for so many years of service in Mexico.

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I was glad to get your good word about Shag Conger. He has written with great satisfaction about his work, and I am glad that he was able to get to the field just at the time he did.

Thank you also for your good word about the Christian Endeavor articles. I am very glad if they are proving of any help to you.

I want to thank you also, Scotty, for writing so candidly about the difficulty as you have seen it. I hope that what I have written will help to disabuse your mind and will help you to help others to think rightly about things. I wish I had understood just a little more clearly just what you mean with regard to Miss Bonine's dissatisfaction. She surely cannot have just ground for complaint. I have heard nothing but words of unqualified praise regarding her from Dr. Halsey.

With kind regards to Sister Medora and yourself, I am,

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

Williams, J. M.

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

MAR 28 1914

Mr. Speer.

Mr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York:

My dear Mr. Speer:

I talked with  
President Taylor yesterday  
about further arrangements  
for departmental speakers  
and he said it would be  
impossible to arrange for  
any more in our department  
this spring. I am very sorry  
indeed for I had hoped we  
might have you here to  
speak along the line mentioned.

for it is that college life is a pretty easy  
existence. A metaphysical Religion does very  
well for a life of ease. But when one gets  
right up against hard life problems one  
needs a Friend, a Saviour, a Master. I  
told the students this last night.

Hoping to see you again, sometime, I  
remain,

Very truly yours

J. M. Williams



I think I over estimated the number who attend prayer-meetings here. Last evening there were not more than seventy-five out and I think the average number would be less than one hundred. at the Sunday evening meeting there is somewhat over one hundred.

I noted in the remarks of the students last evening the tendency you mentioned, too much abstract discussion about the Fatherhood of God and too little downright devotion to the Master. I think one reason

Williams, Mornay

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New York October 4th, 1907.

Telephone connection.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.,  
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mr. Speer:--

I am much obliged for your note of the 30th ult. I am glad that you were pleased with the photograph of Lincoln's letter. It has always seemed to me to be a very suggestive, indeed I may say, a very impressive, human document. I have a certain feeling of pride about it, that has, I suppose, hardly any real basis, but it happens that I found the letter in a case in a War Museum in Albany, where it was not specially displayed and where very little attention seemed to have been given to it, and after consulting the curator of the Museum, I procured a photograph of it. When I was in Albany the other week and got the copy which I sent to you, the man in charge told me that they had sold hundreds of the photographs since; so that now a great many people have hold of the letter and are, I hope, deriving from its perusal the lesson which it so wonderfully conveys.

I trust I shall see you before long, and am, with cordial regards and remembrances to Mrs. Speer,

Very sincerely yours,

Mornay Williams

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Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer:--

I have been feeling quite strongly lately that the members of the Juvenile Asylum Board who are especial believers in the need and efficacy of prayer might wisely meet together to make a special request for guidance at this particular time in the affairs of the Asylum. As you are aware, all of the charitable institutions of New York City are facing the problem of raising money for their work and the Asylum is not exempt from the general stress. Moreover, we have, as you are also aware, considered the possibility of uniting with some other institution and there is, therefore, something of a crisis in the affairs of the institution. I do not think that it is necessarily a step for general discussion, but I do feel that as I am informed it was customary in the earlier days of the

R. E. S.----2

Board's history among the founders of the institution, it might be well that some of those who feel especially the burden of the work should meet together and unitedly ask for guidance in the carrying forward of the work at this time, and with this view, I am writing to ask whether you will not meet with me and a few others of the Board and Mr. Hilles, at luncheon. I have secured a private room at the Aldine Association, 111 Fifth Avenue, for Saturday at one o'clock, and am inviting, as well as yourself, the following gentlemen: Mr. Haddon, Mr. Cushman, Mr. Ward, Mr. Hilles, Mr. Marling and Mr. Jesup. I trust that you approve of this suggestion and may be able to be present.

Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience whether you will be able to attend, that I may know exactly how many to expect at lunch.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Hilles*  
B

Wilson, Kate G.

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10208 Helendale Ave.

Tujunga, California.

March 15. 14.

Dr Robert E. Speer.

Dear Dr Speer.

I am enclosing three poems which my husband wrote. One has been published, but the other two have not.

"Law and Prayer" may not be finished as my husband intended. I am not sure: but only a few weeks before he went home, he read it to me in the present form. I thought at that time he would be adding more to it. He had been working on it for years; a little at a time.

Do you think these poems would be any help to lead souls to our Saviour if printed in leaflet form?

Thanking you for an answer.

Yours in the Masters Service.

Mrs E. M. Kate G. Wilson

AT THIRTY\* THREE.

AT Thirty-three the conqueror  
Of all earth's known domains  
Had led victorious legions on  
From Greece to India's plain.  
And sighing for more regions yet  
O'er which his power to fling,  
Lay dying, through the drunkard's cup  
A helpless, conquered king.

Ere thirty-three had Nero lain  
For three years in the dust;  
His blood-stained revels ended; gone  
His carnivals of lust.  
A horrid dream, a memory  
Of which men shuddering tell,  
A soul of midnight blackness  
Lit by the fires of hell.

At thirty-three the Saviour Christ  
Had triumphed o'er the tomb.  
The crown was won. The cross was past;  
Forgotten all its gloom.  
The Galilean mountain side  
To all the world would give  
The story of the Crucified,  
Who died that we might live.

And I at thirty-three, amid  
The common toils of men,  
No kingdom won, no cross endured,  
No deeds for Fame to pen,-  
Yet praise the Lord that in my heart  
His hand restrains the ill,  
And crave a humble, steadfast mind  
To know and do His will.

Edgar H. Wilson.

The above was first published in "The Evangelist" New York, June 19, 1902.

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## Law and Prayer.

Filled with law is the blue sky above us:  
Bound by law is the green earth below:  
Law without us, within us, around us,  
Holding sway over all that we know.

As the planets swing silent in splendor,  
Each is bound to the foot of God's throne  
By the cords of His purpose unchanging,  
Through ages on ages His own.

Though the buttercup nods in its freedom  
Seeming nothing constraining to feel,  
Yet its life is bound fast to its pattern  
With invisible wrappings of steel.

For our science climbs toilingly upward  
In the pathway from nature to mind,  
Ever finding a new statute written  
Binding closer and closer mankind.

And it falls like a pall o'er our spirits;  
And the prayer we would utter is dumb;  
While we ask, "Can He hear if we call Him?"  
"Can He answer our prayer if we come?"

"Is there aught in this great world around us  
But the unceasing spin of the wheels?"  
"Is our God any more than its Engine?"  
"Do we know, when we cry, that He feels?"

To the lips of the fever-worn patient  
Is the cooling drink tenderly pressed,  
To the traveller, weary and footsore,  
There is granted a haven of rest.

So the soul that with restless repinings  
Oft has sighed for the freedom of yore,  
Beating wings on the bars of its doubtings,  
To the sky, free again, may yet soar.

For behind all the orders and systems,  
And beyond the last limit of space,  
And above all the stars in their courses,  
The eternal "I Am" hath His place.

And the laws are but servants attending;  
And the statutes His messengers fleet,  
As He marches across the wide heavens;  
"And the clouds are the dust of His feet"

And His heart is a heart of compassion  
As He yearns o'er the children of men;  
Until faith in a crucified Saviour  
Brings them peace and forgiveness again.

And shall we - forgetting the message  
Which the Saviour has left for mankind,  
That to those who will ask shall be given,  
That if any will seek he shall find;

Forgetting His trust in the Father  
As his life in its beauty unfolds;  
Forgetting that nature's dominions  
The Hand of the Saviour upholds;-

Shall we search with an earth-bounded vision;  
And with mind that is blind to earth's Cause,  
Think that God can be barred from His children,  
Or be bound with the chains of His laws?

Edgar M. Wilson. .



HIS LAST COMMAND.

Wide as the whole creation  
Wherever man is found;  
Lasting as generation  
To generation bound;  
Urgent, for on it issues  
Of life and death depend;  
Strong with the Master's presence  
Abiding to the end;

Christ's last command comes ringing  
Across the centuries din  
Of strife and superstition,  
Of ignorance and sin:  
When men for whom He suffered  
In ways of evil trod;  
Nor felt the mighty impulse  
Of the great love of God.

It comes to each true servant  
And speaks a world in need.  
It tells of harvests ripening  
Where long has lain the seed.  
And o'er the night triumphant,  
It sees, the darkness past,  
A new creation dawning  
Where Christ shall reign at last.

Edgar M. Wilson.

Wilson, L. B.

LUTHER B. WILSON  
RESIDENT BISHOP  
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Mr. Speer.

1026 ARCH STREET.

June 22

1909

The Rev. Robert Speer D.D.,  
New York City.

*M*

My dear Doctor:

I think we have not met, but some time ago I read your "Marks of a Man" and ever since have had it in mind to write and thank you for it. -

To me it seems a special message to the men of this day and should wish it in the hands, especially, of the young men. I should account it a privilege some time to meet the author of the book whose character and outlook made such a vision of life a possibility.

Believe me, dear Doctor,

Truly & cordially yours

L. B. Wilson.

Wilson, Woodrow

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PRINCETON, N. J.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

October 14th, 1907.

*10/15/07 Communicated*  
*to Mr. Mc Kee by phone.*  
*m. d. j.*

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MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

As I have already said to you, I was sincerely sympathetic with the suggestion that Princeton confer an honorary degree upon the Bishop of London, but we have already been obliged to arrange for an irregular bestowal of a degree on Mr. James Bryce - I mean irregular in being at a time not provided for in our bylaws - but I was still hoping to find a way when I learned that Bishop Ingram was to sail on the seventeenth of this month, the very day on which our Board meets and the only day on which the degree could be voted. I am very sorry indeed.

Always cordially and faithfully yours,

*Woodrow Wilson*

Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Wilson, Woodrow

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Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

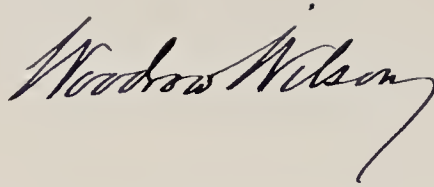
There is a matter of a good deal of importance which Mrs. Wilson and I would very much like to discuss with you, if we had the opportunity, and I am writing to ask if you could generously arrange to stop over in Princeton and lunch with us some Monday or Tuesday when your journeyings bring you past the Junction.

The matter concerns the Student Volunteer Movement, in which we have recently come to have a personal concern because of the interest of one of our daughters in it. We fear that she is in danger of pursuing a mistaken course and would like very much to have a frank talk with you about it. If you cannot give us the pleasure of lunching with us, probably I can arrange to see you some time in New York, though I should very much prefer that Mrs. Wilson should

see you also.

With much regard,

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Woodrow Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end of the word "Wilson".

Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Wilson, Woodrow

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PRINCETON, N. J.

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Mr. Speer.

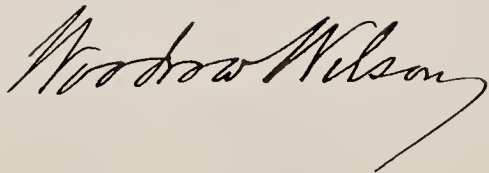
My dear Mr. Speer:-

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of March 31st.

It will be perfectly convenient for Mrs. Wilson and me if you will drop in on us on the afternoon of the 24th. I hope it is not going to put you to great inconvenience. If you will be kind enough to let me know a little beforehand by what train to expect you, I can make sure of being at home when you call. Unexpected summons often take me away from the house.

I very much appreciate your kindness in making this arrangement.

Cordially and sincerely yours,



Mr. Robert E. Speer.

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Wishard, Luther D.

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Mr. Robert H. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

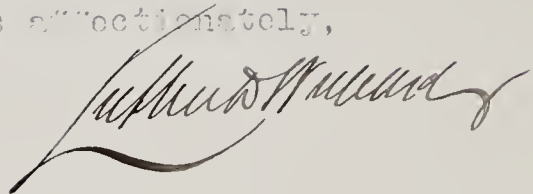
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Speer:-

You do not need any assurance from me of my deep appreciation of your two letters. I have simply found it impossible to write or to say much. I am deeply troubled and do not know yet just where to turn.

Ever yours affectionately,

L. D. W./L



Egerton Park, Wood, Lucy S Jackson  
Worcester,  
January 1st -

My dear Mr. Speer, -

You have been such a help and comfort to my Mother and Sisters - just as you always were to Alice - upholding and calming them by your Christian hope. They have all written telling me, that you calmed them so, by what you said, about Ellie, that Saturday afternoon. They are going to let me know sometime, what you said.

I just want to send my love to you and Mrs. Speer, and tell you how I sympathise with you, for you share our loneliness without her, just as you share our joy in



her inspiration and joy. But I just want to tell  
you once again, how we all love you and thank  
you for it -

Affectionately your friend,  
Luey S. Jackson Wood.

her happiness.

The very day, the cable came, telling me of her death, came a letter from her, telling me how you and Mrs. Speer always helped her. I always remember how she prized a little rose bush, Mrs. Speer gave her one Christmas Day, and how we planted it in the garden <sup>in the summer</sup> - she and I - and when she went away she gave me special instructions to water it. Mrs. Speer had written on the card, "From one who admires you." And Alice said, "Who wouldn't try to live up to Bush words as those from Mrs. Speer?"

I know you know already full well, how you were both

Wood, Lucy S. Jackson

Newlands,

Egerton Park,

Worsley.

Jan. 16 - '09.

My dear Mr. Speer, -

I think we have all of us, "Jacksons," always felt grateful to you and Mrs. Speer, for all the happiness and help you brought into Alice's life.

I have been reading your book over and over. It just seems as if you were helping her still - for the book will

be such a help and inspiration  
to so many. That is what she  
wanted her life to be -

How she did always love  
to go to your house!

With all good wishes to  
you all for 1909 - and thanks  
for the comfort and help  
you have brought us through  
your book,

<sup>4</sup>  
yours very sincerely,

Lucy S. Jackson Wood.

Wood, Mary

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November 30<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr. Spur:—

Your note was duly received, and I thank you for it. When I left the Building on Tuesday last, it was with the assured feeling that I would have the sympathy of my co-workers, and the comfort that I would not be forgotten in their prayers.

My father was a man of rare loveliness of character, and we shall miss him sorely; but he had lived a long life, and that he should go in the full possession of his faculties, and without suffering, was cause for great thankfulness.

He was but one day in bed, he was ready to go, his last words were with mother; and when the change came so swiftly and so gently as not at first to be recognized, we felt that God had dealt very tenderly with him and with us.

Even Thanksgiving Day was not altogether a sad one, for as we talked of what he had been to us, and to all who came within his influence, we felt that it was a holy day of thanksgiving; and the recurrence of the day will not be that of a dread anniversary -

Thanking Mrs. Spier and yourself for your sympathy,

I am very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Wood.

Wood, Sarah B.

Dronne-les-Bains  
(Ain) France

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906

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JAN 3 1907  
MR. SPEER.

Dear Mr. Speer

It is now several months since a great sorrow came into your household, and I know the wound is bleeding still, but I want you to know that I am thinking of you with loving sympathy, and rejoicing that you are drawing comfort from the one True Source. Surely there are trying days for many of

us, and the "Claws are  
gathered home," but while  
our feet walk through  
the deep waters, our hands  
are locked fast in His  
who knows the way, and  
makes no misstep -

The trial of my life and  
faith is on me, as you  
know I have been called  
to give up my loved work  
on the Mission field,  
and here I am, resting  
by the way, with folded  
hands, having little to  
occupy me, save my own  
comfort and mother's body.

Hard - yes! But I shall hum  
my song some day -  
When Dr. Haskins went home  
last summer, he took for  
me a piece of carved wood  
work made in the Car-  
penter Shop, and designed  
by one of the teachers. I  
thought it might give  
you an inspiration for  
some helpful words  
some time. The Arabic  
emblem of the Tughra, said  
to have been Mahmud,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Seal, made by dipping  
his extended fingers and  
thumb in ink.) has



been conformed into the  
Christian's motto "God is  
Love." The Turkish Govt  
confiscated some which  
our American visitors  
tried to get out of the coun-  
try, but I hope this one  
escaped such a fate -

Please give my love to  
your wife, and keep a  
little corner in your  
hearts and memories

For your friend

Sarah M. Wood

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Woolsey, Jean E.  
OCT 22 1900?

My dear Mr. Speer,  
Mr. Speer.

I want to thank  
you again for your  
beautiful address on  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He can never  
express how deeply we  
were touched by what  
you said, & how true  
we felt it, & at the  
same time how worthy  
to be his daughters -  
Miss Janett by taking  
it down has made it -

possible for us to read  
& reread it - and it seems  
to me to be flawless -  
I must take any use  
of your precious time  
but let me thank you  
again from the heart -  
It was done for Father,  
& I know he heard &  
appreciated it -

Very Sincerely Yours  
Jean & J. Woolsey

117 East 36<sup>th</sup> Street

October 21

Wright, Henry B.

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JUL 20 1906

MR. SPEER.

*Wright*

Oakham, Mass.,

July 20, 1906

My dear Mr. Speer -

Have you ever read Whitley's

"Historic Doubts concerning Napoleon Buonaparte" in the little book entitled Famous Pamphlets in Morley's Universal Library. Your statement at Litchfield that if we doubt the evidence regarding Christ's life we must doubt all history is well supported by this essay. Whitley applies the general rules of sceptical criticism to the life of Napoleon Buonaparte and "proves" that he never lived.

I meant to have spoken to you about this at Litchfield. I find it a great help with the men who are upset at Yale.

Cordially yours,

Henry B. Wright.

Wyland, B.  
Howler Vermont,  
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JULY 27 1906

My dear Mr Spear:

Through your kindness I received a very helpful letter from Mr & B Murray. Would you send me his address that I may thank him? It is such a great problem of getting power. Here in my summer work I feel the mastering need of a personality so intensely Christ-like that all shall be set on fire to live solely and but for Him. In the moments of power a sudden eddy of passion rushes in and all falls like a house of cards. I long for that time when self shall have no power; when I shall be so devoid of its passions

is purchased and they are very helpful. If it is not convenient for you to send the address will you thank the gentleman sometime for me. May you be blessed with that perfect Union with Christ towards which you have aided us so much.

Sincerely

Ben Wyland.

P.S. Let me tell you did not know how complete a victory a man could get over passions in keeping them from expression until I learned thru you. I await now when my my mind shall be redeemed.

that I myself shall be completely forgotten, name, speech all, and I shall be but a voice as John is characterized in the opening chapters of that book and as God is spoken of so often. I long to speak as Jesus did that sabbath day at home "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;" and then open my speech as he did after the scripture lesson "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Power is ~~some~~ more than consecration.

I must not write more. I like to talk with you but it is hardly right for me to take your time. The devotional books you recommended

Wright (?) Henry B. 117 Maple St.,  
New Haven, Conn.,  
April 16. 1914.

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My dear Mr. Speer -  
APR 18 1914  
**Mr. Speer.**

I wish very much you  
would answer this argument from the  
Northfield platform this year. It is the  
form which the opposition to Christianity  
~~is~~ is taking at present in the colleges. It  
is the philosophy of Anatole France whose  
writings are largely read here "I do not  
do out of that egoism which inspires men to



perform all his acts of generosity and ~~desires~~...  
I do it .. to while away my tedium: for life is  
insipid to such a point that we must distract  
ourselves cost what it may: and good comes as a  
rather flat diversion which we allow ourselves  
when the more savory ones are wanting." We are  
told that we seek first the Kingdom that  
all good things may follow.

I thank you for your kind note of con-  
gratulations on my new appointment. It was  
a joy to have your message.

Sincerely

Henry B. Dwight

Katsujiro Yamada May 4th, 1918.

Dr. R. E. Speer.  
New York, U. S. A.

My dear Rev. Robert E. Speer.

*Noted. M. M.*

It was a source of great pleasure to receive a letter from so valuable gentleman. I want to express my sincere gratitude to American Christians especially to you, but my deficient knowledge of English prevents me from writing properly. I am very sorry for it yet my thanks is offering in another way — to love American people and do some good for them. Everytime I met to an American

I offered some help for he or she in the name of Christ. The other day I met a tea-merchant in the train and I spoke to that gentleman and had a good time, when he asked me if I am a minister, I answered him in negative. I respect and appreciate the American missionaries, they are indeed taking the best part of works in Japan compared with other workers.

To tell the truth, we are giving many good things from Americans above all

The Christian Spirit is the noblest gift.  
I am always hoping the coming of the  
kingdom of God and ready to take the  
opportunity to do so. a fortnight ago  
I went to Matsuyaka with Mr. Murray,  
and I made a preaching in the street.  
We had many large hearers there  
although my education is very little.  
I must tell you one thing — my wedding  
I married with Miss Wada who is working  
under Miss J. C. Riker. We had a wedding  
ceremony in our TSC Church.

My father is not a Christian but he gave  
me a consent to marry a Christian woman.  
I have much love for America & often I  
want to visit your great nation and to  
pay a respect to Washington's grave.  
I have a great respect & admire President  
Wilson, because he is an noble Christian  
gentleman of the world. besides he is a man  
of justice. God bless your great nation.  
I will write another letter in no distant  
date — good bye.

your very sincerely  
Katsujiro Yamada.  
Higashimachi, Tsu, Ise, Japan.

Wm. S. Yarnall

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MAR 20 1888

Mr. Speer



HOTEL CHAMBERLIN  
GEO. F. ADAMS, MANAGER  
FORTRESS MONROE, VA.

118 S. 15 St

Phila, Pa



Mrs

Robert E. Speer

My dear friend:

My spirit has so continually saluted thee today that I feel impelled to tell thee so, at least that is my only excuse for entering thy busy pathways for a moment. It has been my privilege to see the reality of spiritual communion today in no common degree.

Tired in body and a little weary of spirit I am here for a few days rest and <sup>arriving yesterday,</sup> change and feeling myself inclined

made such a rare manifestation in dear old Dr Abbott so permeated the service and touched my heart that the awakened response is full of rich blessing. The discourse was very simple, in a spiritual expression, <sup>or sense,</sup> it was mono-syllabic, as addressed to the needs of the congregation, but in the presentation of the deepest truth it was vital and constructive. As an answer to the cry of the ages "Oh that I knew where I might find Him" it was so full of assurance and understanding as to create an answering cry. Even here have "I come before His Presence." And so today I am filled with thankfulness for that opportunity when the lives of those simple hearted dusky brothers of ours could be touched with the vital message of Christ's gospel and the indwelling

to worship with the Hampton  
Children I started early to tramp  
over there - continually under  
an "exercise" <sup>as Friends say</sup> that true spiritual  
Communion might be upheld  
before those simple hearted dusky  
Children of our Father in Heaven.

It is a glorious day here (though  
very windy) and the dress parade  
before Chapel made a little  
introduction to the gathering  
together - in all of which  
I was glad to share but the  
real privilege and answer <sup>to my humble prayer</sup>  
came when dear old Dr. Lyman ~~Atch~~  
was presented. The Sweetness  
of the allowed eventide of life  
in which the love of Christ has



spirit of the great All-Father:  
Life grows more and more to me  
an open book on whose pages my  
soul-friends write their beautiful  
spiritual Autographs. Sometimes it  
is in the great North woods, some-  
times it is on the verge or edge of  
the great gay throng beside the sea,  
but the radiance of it casts often  
a hallowed spell over me and leads  
me to desire also to be filled to use  
Dr Abbot's closing words - "with all  
the fullness of God". Please do not  
feel any obligation to answer this  
hasty letter - Some how the spirit  
that seemed to impel me to  
 jot down these thoughts has given  
me a sense of the response of the  
answering spirit, something akin  
to the answer to vital well-directed  
prayer. I have felt a little concerned  
because I thought I observed the lines  
of fatigue (over-fatigue) in thy face  
when last I saw thee some week  
back in Philada - How fervently have  
I desired that the hallowed even-

tide of life may be thy crowning  
experience and to this end I pray  
thee conserve thy physical energies  
"The Lord hath need of thee" in this  
His physical world.

I shall go back to Phila. on Tuesday -  
to dear Mrs Samall - who awaits  
me in all the patience of her  
calm inspiring nature and to  
the round of duties and calls  
to life's little Christian services  
and reassured with a brightened  
horizon and a renewed vision  
of the Ever. Presence of The Comforter  
sent in the Name of Christ. Please  
carry to Mrs Speer and the  
Children Mrs Samall's loving re-  
membrance with mine and  
pardon this intrusion on thy busy day.  
In loving regard: believe me  
Thy friend  
Wm. S. Gause

3/19/1916

Young, James  
Presbytery of Jersey City.

22 Hobart-Place.

Garfield. N. J.

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Mr. Robt. E. Speer.  
Englewood. N. J.

Dear Mr. Speer.

Enclosed you will find the Commission and the necessary papers in connection with it - which, at Dr. Hamilton's direction, I am sending. It is the result of a conversation which I had with him last evening over the telephone.

Let me assure you that in selecting you, as one of the Elder Commissioners, Presbytery knew very well what it was doing. They understood that your duties to

the Board would prevent your sewing  
on Committees and even prevent  
your constant attendance. All  
they ask from you is, that when  
your duties to the Board you represent  
do not conflict, that you would  
take your place with the other  
Commissioners in the meetings and  
exercise your rights there. If you were  
called home before adjournment securing  
your excuse as any Commissioner would  
and coming home. The desire of Presbytery  
was to honor you and honor themselves  
by your selection. That it should be  
known that your Presbytery sent you  
as well as the Board. The presentation  
of our Commission at Columbus, the  
acceptance of the Commissioners  
Button and an appearance among  
the Commissioners as often as your  
duties to the Board would permit is  
all we ask. Will you not  
permit us then to honor you  
and honor ourselves by using the  
enclosed?

Sincerely yours  
James Scott Young  
State Clerk.

Zenos, Andrew C.

2 Chalmers Place, Chicago

March 8, 1907.

My dear Mr. Speer,

I could not bear to have your note of sympathy acknowledged in a mere formal way by the usual lithograph card and set it aside for a line of personal thanks. I know I shall not be able to express the appreciation of Mrs Zenos and myself for you kindly

word, but I must say in the most direct and simple way possible that the very fact of your taking the time to write to us touched us both and filled us with a new sense of the preciousness and reality of those hidden motives which the Christ has infused into human life. More than this what you write seems so true that we ought to know it without being told; and yet it becomes

at such a time a fresh and more  
articulate message became in an  
confused and stumped state of mind  
we seemed to have lost sight of it.

I wish to assure you that it was  
far from a mere human friendly  
act that you did when you wrote.

Yours truly,

Andrew C. Lewis

